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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2003 ON PAGE 199]

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4 For your information, there is no reportable action as a
5 result of today's closed session.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD EVERYBODY TAKE THEIR SEAT AND THE
10 MEETING WILL PLEASE COME TO ORDER. THIS MORNING, THE
11 INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR DAVID LEON, OF A LIVINGSTONE
12 CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF MISSION HILLS IN THE THIRD DISTRICT.
13 AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CHARLES M. BOYD, COMMANDER,
14 BENJAMIN BOWIE POST NUMBER 228, AMERICAN LEGION FROM THE
15 SECOND DISTRICT. PASTOR LEON?

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17 **PASTOR DAVID LEON:** LORD THIS MORNING WE COME BEFORE YOU AND WE
18 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING HERE IN YOUR
19 PRESENCE AND THE PRESENCE OF EVERYONE HERE. LORD, YOUR WORD
20 SAYS THAT WE ARE TO PRAY OVER THE AFFAIRS AND WE ARE TO PRAY
21 OVER OUR LEADERS. SO THIS MORNING, LORD, I THANK YOU FOR THAT
22 PRIVILEGE, AND I ASK THAT YOU'D PROTECT THE HEARTS OF OUR
23 LEADERS, THAT YOU'D GIVE THEM STRENGTH FOR THE DAY, LORD, THAT
24 YOU'D IMPART WISDOM UPON THEM, LORD, AS THEY GO TO REALLY DO
25 THE DUTIES AND TO SHARE, LORD, AND TO SPEAK AND TO GIVE WISDOM



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1 THAT'LL BENEFIT OUR CITIES. WE ASK THAT BLESSING UPON THEM.
2 GIVE US FAVOR TODAY TO DO THE THINGS AND THE STRENGTH TO DO
3 ALL THE AFFAIRS BEFORE YOU, LORD. BE WITH US THIS DAY. WE
4 THANK YOU. IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY. AMEN.

5

6 **CHARLES M. BOYD:** WOULD YOU NOW PLACE YOUR HANDS OVER YOUR
7 HEART AS I LEAD YOU INTO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
8 OF OUR COUNTRY. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME
13 PASTOR DAVID LEON TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU
14 FOR THAT WONDERFUL INVOCATION THIS MORNING. PASTOR LEON
15 FOUNDED THE LIVINGSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN MISSION HILLS
16 SEVEN YEARS AGO, WHICH NOW HAS A CONGREGATION OF 250 MEMBERS.
17 HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES INCLUDING CHILDREN, YOUTH,
18 ADULTS, AND SHORT-TERM MISSIONS. THROUGH PASTOR LEON'S
19 MISSIONARY WORK, HE HAS TRAVELED THROUGH 14 COUNTRIES AND THE
20 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SO WITH OUR GRATITUDE AND THANKS,
21 PASTOR, WE WISH YOU WELL AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS
22 MORNING. [APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE CHARLES M. BOYD,
25 WHO IS OUR PLEDGE VETERAN. HE'S PART OF THE BENJAMIN BOWIE



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1 POST NUMBER 228. HE RESIDES IN COMPTON. HE IS THE COMMANDER OF
2 THAT POST. HE WAS IN THE MILITARY FROM '51 TO '55 AS AN AIRMAN
3 FIRST CLASS IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE. HE WAS IN THE 3759TH
4 MEDICAL GROUP AND HE WAS IN KOREA. HE RECEIVED THE U.S. AIR
5 FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,
6 KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL. HE SERVED AS A CIVILIAN IN AEROSPACE
7 INDUSTRY WITH THE FIRM, LAUREL LIEBER CO. HE HAS LIVED IN THE
8 DISTRICT FOR 48 YEARS. HE ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW ORLEANS
9 AND COLLEGE AT SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IN DALLAS,
10 TEXAS. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, 32, OKAY. YES WOULD THE OFFICER CALLS
13 THE AGENDA.

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15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE'LL BEGIN ON
16 PAGE 7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14, I HAVE THE
17 FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN
18 SHEET, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED
19 BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ITEM IS THAT?

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S ON ITEM NUMBER 2.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 5, HOLD FOR REGINALD
3 DIXON.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ON THE -- ARE THERE OTHER?

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 7, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
8 REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE TO APRIL 15.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ITEM?

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 7.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED
15 FOR TWO WEEKS.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
20 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 15 THROUGH
23 17.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND -- WELL, SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS
2 NOT PRESENT. ON THOSE ITEMS, IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
3 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SHOWING THAT ON ITEM 17, IT'S
4 ADOPTED ON A 4-0 VOTE. AND SHOWING AS ABSENT SUPERVISOR
5 MOLINA.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ITEM 18.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEMS 19 AND 20.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, ITEM 21.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEMS 22
23 AND 23.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEM 24.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.

7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 25 THROUGH 28.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY

12 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, 29.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 30 AND 31.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY

22 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 32, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, HOLD FOR

25 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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2 **SPEAKER:** WHICH ITEM?

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S 32. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS
5 34 -- 33 AND 34.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 35 THROUGH 55. ON
11 ITEM NUMBER 44, HOLD FOR LYNNE PLAMBECK, AND THE REST ARE
12 BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED
15 BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 23, THE SHERIFF, ITEMS 56 AND 57.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
20 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 58.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 59
3 THROUGH 66. AND I HAVE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM 59, 60, AND
4 61, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE ON
5 THOSE ITEMS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 59, 60, AND 61 ARE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 62, IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
12 BY KNABE, AND I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS REQUESTING
13 THAT SHE BE RECORDED AS "NO" ON THAT, BUT SHE'S NOT HERE.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BUT WE'LL SHOW HER AS ABSENT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, BUT THEN WHEN SHE COMES SHE'LL
18 HAVE -- MAYBE WE CAN KEEP -- RECONSIDER IT AND SO THAT SHE CAN
19 BE RECORDED "NO". ALL RIGHT, IF SHE SO DESIRES.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SO THAT ITEM IS ADOPTED.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 63, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
3 BY KNABE, AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, AND WE'RE NOTING THAT
4 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IF SHE WAS HERE, HAD INDICATED SHE WANTED
5 TO BE RECORDED AS "NO." 64 YOU'RE GOING TO CALL NEXT.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 64, 65, AND 66 ARE BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. 64, 65, AND 66, MOVED BY KNABE,
10 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 67 IS AN
13 ORDINANCE REFLECTING A TRANSFER OF THE PIPELINE FRANCHISE
14 GRANTED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 850101F TO POWER RUN OIL L.L.C.
15 AMENDING THE FRANCHISE TO LIMIT THE FRANCHISE SERVICE AREA TO
16 ONE HIGHWAY LOCATED IN THE ROSEWOOD UNINCORPORATED AREA AND
17 ADDING PROVISIONS RELATED TO EXCLUDING THE USE OF HAZARDOUS
18 SUBSTANCES AND HAZARDOUS WASTE. THE ORDINANCE IS BEING ADOPTED
19 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY'S CONSENT TO TRANSFER THE
20 FRANCHISE RIGHTS FROM R.A. PANTAGES TO POWER RUN OIL COMPANY.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M MOVING THAT AND IT'LL BE SECONDED BY
23 KNABE AND SHOULD -- THE RECORD SHOULD SHOW THAT SUPERVISOR
24 MOLINA INDICATED IF SHE WAS PRESENT SHE WOULD HAVE VOTED "NO".

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR CAN I JUST -- I DON'T WANT TO BE
2 ANAL ABOUT THIS, BUT WHEN YOU'RE ABSENT, YOU'RE ABSENT. WHEN
3 SHE COMES IF SHE WANTS TO I'LL MOVE A RECONSIDERATION SO SHE
4 CAN BE RECORDED BUT OTHERWISE IT'S A BAD PRECEDENT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF
7 RECONSIDERATIONS BUT WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT THAT WAY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL BUT IF IT'S ONLY FOR HER TO BE RECORDED
10 AS A "NO" VOTE IT'S NOT A PROBLEM. BUT OTHERWISE WE'LL, I MEAN
11 WE'RE ALL ABSENT FROM TIME TO TIME AND I THINK IT COULD BE A
12 PROBLEM, ANYWAY I'LL BE HAPPY TO MOVE THE RECONSIDERATION WHEN
13 SHE GETS HERE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND MAYBE WE CAN DO THEM ALL AT ONE TIME.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FINE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 68 THROUGH 72, 68
22 IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF LONG BEACH
24 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS,



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1 ELECTION 2002 SERIES A, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPLE AMOUNT NOT TO
2 EXCEED 40 MILLION DOLLARS. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
5 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 69, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S
8 RECOMMENDATION, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE
9 COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NUMBER 3, ADOPT RESOLUTION
10 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF IMPROVEMENT AREA C SPECIAL TAX
11 BOND SERIES 2003-A, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 9 MILLION DOLLARS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 70, WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR
17 REPORT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. 70 WILL BE HELD FOR REPORT.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON 71, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A
22 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS
23 AGAINST THE PROPOSED INCREASE ASSESSMENTS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS A RESULT, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT
2 THE RESOLUTION TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS AT THE RECOMMENDED
3 INCREASED LEVEL WITHIN PALMDALE ZONE A. IT'S SECONDED BY
4 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON 71 -- I'M SORRY. ON ITEM 72, AFTER
7 TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT A
8 MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FOR
9 SUBDIVISION LL302 WITHIN PALMDALE ZONE B, AND THAT NO MAJORITY
10 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE REMAINING 22 SUBDIVISIONS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS A RESULT, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD
13 TERMINATE THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION LEVY OF
14 ASSESSMENT AND PROPERTY TAX TRANSFER PROCEEDINGS FOR
15 SUBDIVISION LL302, L0302 AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND
16 LEVY ASSESSMENT FOR THE REMAINING 22 SUBDIVISION AREAS WITHIN
17 PALMDALE ZONE B. AND IT'S SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
21 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
22 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
23 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
24 ITEM 73-A, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. 73-B IS BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED --

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I RELEASE MY HOLD ON 73-A.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, ON 73-A, IT'S MOVED BY KNABE,
6 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION -- WELL, LET ME HOLD
7 THIS ITEM ON 73-A. I'LL HOLD IT.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. 73-B.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 73-B, MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY KNABE.
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 73-C.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON ITEM NUMBER 73-D, HOLD FOR
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
2 AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
6 GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO INVITE FORWARD THE PALOS
7 VERDES PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM. THEIR
8 COACH, ROBERTA CORDICH AND SUSAN NACABAR, A SCHOOL
9 ADMINISTRATOR FROM PALOS VERDES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE
10 ALSO HAVE A MEMBER OF OUR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, MY
11 APPOINTEE, ANGIE PAPADAKIS, AND DR. DARLENE ROBLIS, OUR COUNTY
12 SUPERINTENDENTS IS ALSO GOING TO JOIN US AS LONG AS -- WELL AS
13 WITH THE STUDENTS. THE 2003 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACADEMIC
14 DECATHLON WAS ORGANIZED BY OUR OFFICE OF EDUCATION. IT IS ONE
15 OF THE LARGEST IN THE STATE. THIS YEAR, 59 PUBLIC HIGH
16 SCHOOLS, WHICH INCLUDED ALMOST 500 STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE
17 COUNTY COMPETED. THE OVERALL TEAM WINNER WAS PALOS VERDES
18 PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE PALOS VERDES UNIFIED SCHOOL
19 DISTRICT. PENINSULA HIGH WON FIRST PLACE THREE OF THE LAST
20 FIVE YEARS AT THE COUNTY COMPETITION. THE TEAM WAS LED, AS I
21 MENTIONED EARLIER, BY VETERAN COACH ROBERTA CORDICH WITH THE
22 SUPPORT OF JILL VERNCOUGH, ASSISTANT COACH, AND BILL O'NEIL
23 ASSISTANT COACH. BY WINNING THE COUNTY COMPETITION PENINSULA
24 EARNED THE RIGHT TO COMPETE IN THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC
25 DECATHLON HELD IN MODESTO IN MARCH AND THEY PLACED 7TH OUT OF



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1 50 TEAMS. AND WE MADE INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE TEAM
2 UPSTAIRS THIS MORNING. I TRIED TO TELL THEM THAT AT SOME POINT
3 IN THEIR LIFE, MAYBE LATER ON, I THINK THEY'LL REALIZE JUST
4 WHAT THEY'VE ACCOMPLISHED, AND, YOU KNOW, WINNING THESE
5 DECATHLONS ARE GREAT EVENTS IN THE LIVES OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
6 AND THE SCHOOLS, BUT THE PREPARATION TO ME IS THE MOST
7 INCREDIBLE ASPECT OF ACADEMIC DECATHLONS. AND A COUPLE OF
8 THEM, I ASSURED THEM THEY ARE NOW FUTURE CANDIDATES FOR
9 JEOPARDY. [LAUGHTER].

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, I'M GOING TO ASK THE COACH, I'M GOING TO ASK
12 ANGIE, IS DR. ROBLIS TO COME FORWARD, JOIN ME AND HAVE THE
13 KIDS GATHER ROUND AND I'M GOING TO ASK THE COACH TO SAY A FEW
14 WORDS AND THEN WE'LL MAKE A PLAQUE PRESENTATION. ROBERTA?

15

16 **ROBERTA CORDICH:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO FIRST ASK MY
17 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MRS. NACABAR TO COME UP HERE, TOO,
18 BECAUSE AGAIN, THE SUPPORT THAT WE GET FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION
19 IS VERY MUCH A PART OF MAKING ANY SCHOOL AN OUTSTANDING
20 SCHOOL. I'D LIKE TO THANK OUR STUDENTS WHO GAVE A LOT OF THEIR
21 EFFORT, IT STARTED WAY BACK IN MAY OF LAST YEAR AND IT WENT
22 ALL THE WAY UP 'TIL MARCH OF THIS YEAR. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A
23 COMMITMENT THAT LASTS DAY IN AND DAY OUT, EVENINGS, WEEKENDS,
24 FOR ALL OF THE TEAMS THROUGHOUT THIS STATE AND THIS NATION



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1 THAT COMPETE IN ACADEMIC DECATHLON. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS
2 HONOR TO ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, I ALSO WANT TO AGAIN CONGRATULATE THE TEAM
5 AND THE STAFF AND THE ADMINISTRATION, AND ESPECIALLY THE BOARD
6 OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE
7 ACADEMIC DECATHLON. I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT I WAS THERE AT THE
8 SUPER QUIZ WHEN THEY WERE AWARDED A TOP PRIZE AND TRULY THE
9 EXCITEMENT REALLY TELLS US WHAT THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT PUBLIC
10 EDUCATION. SO AGAIN, HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE DO WELL IN
11 PUBLIC EDUCATION. I ALSO WANT TO OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS TO
12 YOU AGAIN, THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GET TOGETHER FOR A PHOTO. I JUST
15 WOULD ADD, TOO, ABOUT PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL, WE'VE HAD THEM
16 DOWN HERE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, BOTH FOR THEIR ATHLETIC
17 ACHIEVEMENTS AS A SCHOOL, BUT ALWAYS ON THE FOREFRONT OF
18 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AS WELL. SO TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND TO
19 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UP THERE, HEARTFELT THANKS AND DOING A
20 GREAT JOB. CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PERHAPS THE STUDENTS WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU
23 MAYBE ONE OF THE EASIER QUESTIONS THEY GOT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I ASSURED THEM I GET TO ASK THE QUESTIONS. [LIGHT
2 LAUGHTER]

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. JASON HERE HAD THE TOP
5 SCORE OF ALL COMPETITORS. HUH? ALL COMPETITORS! [APPLAUSE].

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, I THINK YOU AND I ARE GOING TO
8 BE DOING THE SPARK OF LOVE SCROLL PRESENTATION. AND THEY'VE
9 GOT US SCRIPTED, I WONDER IF THIS IS ALL GOING TO WORK SO.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY WE'LL, DO YOU WANT ME TO START WHEN?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE. GO AHEAD.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MADE THE 2002
17 SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE SUCH A COMPLETE SUCCESS. THE SPARK OF
18 LOVE TOY DRIVE IS A TOY GIVE-AWAY TO THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN
19 COUNTY-WIDE. IT PROVIDES HOLIDAY CHEER AND EXCITEMENT THAT
20 MIGHT OTHERWISE GO MISSING FROM THE LIVES OF CHILDREN FROM
21 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. THE SPARK OF LOVE WAS CREATED BY ABC TV
22 CHANNEL 7, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEY
23 HAVE SINCE BEEN JOINED BY NUMEROUS OTHER CIVIC-MINDED
24 ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESS. I'M VERY PLEASED, ALONG WITH



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1 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE TO RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK
2 OF ALL OF THESE SPONSORS TODAY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** IN 2002 ALONE, OVER 50,000 TOYS AND THOUSANDS OF
5 STUFFED ANIMALS WERE COLLECTED DURING THE SPARK OF LOVE TOY
6 DRIVE. TODAY, AS SUPERVISOR BURKE SAID, WE'RE PUBLICLY
7 ACKNOWLEDGING THE EFFORTS OF ALL THESE WONDERFUL INDIVIDUALS
8 AND ORGANIZATIONS, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE'S A LOT OF FOLKS
9 COMING UP HERE TO GET RECOGNITION, BUT IF IT WERE NOT FOR ALL
10 THESE FOLKS, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE OVER 3,000
11 YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FOSTER PARENTS FOR A SPECIAL SHOWING OF
12 SANTA CLAUSE II. SO HERE WE GO.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** FIRST OF ALL, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A SCROLL
17 TO ABC 7, REPRESENTING ABC 7 IS THERESA, AND SHE'S DIRECTOR OF
18 PUBLIC AFFAIRS -- SHE HAS JUST ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR US FROM
19 THE VERY BEGINNING AND WE APPRECIATE SO MUCH ABC 7 AND ALL
20 THEIR EFFORTS. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAD KATHY FARR OUT THERE AND GARTH KEMP OUT
23 THERE THIS YEAR, IT WAS GREAT. OBVIOUSLY THE NEXT, WE COULDN'T
24 HAVE HAD THESE HOLIDAY MOVIES WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE
25 A.M.C. THEATERS AS WELL, AND I'VE GOT -- WE'VE GOT COVINA,



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1 NORWALK, AND YOU HAVE MAGIC JOHNSON THEATERS. SO I'M GOING TO
2 CALL THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NORWALK. IS GREG HERE? OH. HE'S
3 STRESSED OUT FROM ALL THAT POPCORN WE LEFT IN THE THEATRE. [
4 LIGHT LAUGHTER]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND RAOUL DUARTE FOR MAGIC JOHNSON
9 THEATERS. DO HAVE WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM MAGIC JOHNSON THEATERS
10 HERE? NO, OKAY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT, AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SUCCESS
13 OF THE PROGRAM IS OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND
14 CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN AND CAPTAIN BRIAN JORDAN AND CAPTAIN
15 MARK SAVAGE ARE ALL HERE WITH US TODAY. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF PRESENTING THIS
18 TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND WE'D LIKE TO ASK
19 THE REPRESENTATIVE WHO, IT'S CAPTAIN LORENZO BRASELY AND
20 CAPTAIN JOE CASTRO TO COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE] [LAUGHTER]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE DOMINO'S PIZZA, AND LET ME SEE HERE.
23 NO. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO SAVE-ON FIRST I THINK.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THAT RIGHT?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** OH RIGHT, I JUST LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN DOESN'T COME
5 TOGETHER. ANYWAY, OUR GOOD PARTNERS, SAVE-ON DRUGS, WHICH
6 PROVIDED A VERY GENEROUS DONATION FOR TOY PURCHASES AS WELL AS
7 PROVIDED OUR MANY COLLECTION SITES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY, AND WE HAVE WITH US TODAY MATT MILES AND BOB GOLATSKI.
9 DID I SAY THAT CORRECT? IS MATT AND BOB HERE? [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW FOR DOMINO'S PIZZA, WE HAVE LILLIAN
12 SANCHEZ. THEY PROVIDED ALL OF THE DOMINO'S PIZZA FOR MAGIC
13 JOHNSON THEATRE, AND EVERYONE LOVED IT. IT WAS GREAT. [
14 APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** SEE WHAT I DO WHEN I HAVE A FREE NIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND NOW I GUESS NOW YOU HAVE THE AMBULANCE
19 SERVICE, DO YOU HAVE?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE A E.A.S. EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE, WE
22 WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR GENEROSITY. THEY ASSISTED US WITH
23 THE FOOD, TEAM GIFTS, AND PROVIDING VOLUNTEERS AT ALL THREE
24 EVENTS. AND SO WITH US IS A GOOD FRIEND OF ALL OF OUR OFFICES,



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1 CHAD RUTIN, THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND MR. PHIL
2 DAVIS, PRESIDENT OF E.A.S. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I WANT TO PRESENT
5 THIS TO AQUATIC REHAB, AND THIS IS TO DAVID CORONADO AND JAMES
6 MALTINADO FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF TOYS AND BALLS. [
7 APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT, WE'D LIKE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO NABISCO
10 FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF 3,000 UNITS OF COOKIES AND
11 CRACKER SNACKS. JOINING US TODAY IS RANDY MCKINLEY, MANAGER OF
12 CUSTOMER LOGISTICS. RANDY IS SNACKING.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, HERE'S A BIG ONE. WAREHOUSE
15 SHOE SALES, THEY PROVIDED OVER 10,000 PAIRS OF SHOES FOR
16 CHILDREN AND ADULTS. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I WANT TO TELL YOU, THESE SHOES WERE A
19 CROWD PLEASER AND A FAVORITE, AND W.S.S. IS REPRESENTED BY
20 JEFF SCOBIN AND ROD SKINS, EVEN THOUGH I HAVE TO TELL YOU,
21 BOY, PASSING OUT THOSE SHOES WAS A JOB, WASN'T IT?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** IN WHAT HAS BECOME A TRADITION, OUR GOOD FRIENDS
24 AT IRWINDALE SPEEDWAY, WHO ARE REPRESENTED TODAY BY DOUG
25 STOKES, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION, DONATED 1,000 TICKETS



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1 TO THE AUTO RACE EVENT WHICH KICKED OFF THE SPARK OF LOVE TOY
2 DRIVE CENTER LAST SUMMER. DOUG? [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND TO POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR
5 GENEROUS DONATION WHICH WAS USED TO MAKE A MAJOR TOY PURCHASE.
6 DON SHARR AND BRIAN LECLAIRE, POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL. THEY'RE
7 NOT HERE. OKAY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YEA, AND TO PARK WATER COMPANY, REPRESENTED BY
10 ALFRED EBONUS AND JACKIE GLOVER FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF
11 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO FOOD 4 LESS AND TOYS-'R-US, AND THANK
12 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND LASTLY, TO VOUGHT AIRCRAFT CORPORATION
15 OF HAWTHORNE, WHICH PROVIDED A WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION
16 CENTER FOR MANY OF THE TOYS THAT WERE DONATED. AND JOINING US
17 TODAY ARE BRUCE ADAMS, PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR, AND VOUGHT'S
18 OWN FIRE CHIEF, ELTON CAMPBELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE
19]

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE'D LIKE TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
22 GENEROUS PARTICIPATION OF WALT DISNEY PICTURES FOR THE
23 PROVISION OF THE FILM, SANTA CLAUSE II AND TO INLAND PAPER
24 BOARD AND PACKAGING FOR THE DONATION OF COLLECTION BOXES AND



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1 GAMESA U.S.A. FOR DONATION OF COOKIES. THANK YOU VERY, VERY
2 MUCH.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH, VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **THERESA:** I JUST WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF ABC 7 AND SAVE-ON,
7 OUR PARTNER IN THIS GREAT PROJECT, THANK YOU TO OUR ENTIRE
8 COMMITTEE AND OUR PARTNERS, BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM, IT WOULD NOT
9 BE POSSIBLE. THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES,
10 DENISE PRABELLA AND GLORIA CATONA WERE EXTREMELY JUST
11 INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THIS TOGETHER. THANK YOU, GLORIA,
12 THANK YOU, DENISE, THEY WERE HERE, STAND UP, STAND UP LADIES,
13 THEY WORKED REALLY HARD TO PUT THIS TOGETHER. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **THERESA:** AND WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR 11TH SPARK OF LOVE AND
16 WE INVITE ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE. WE'RE REALLY, REALLY
17 PROUD TO WORK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THEY'RE AWESOME, WE
18 LOVE THEM, AND THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL THE SPONSORS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** LET ME ALSO SAY THAT THEY ALSO HELP US WITH THE
23 TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN AND FOSTER CARE, ESPECIALLY CHANNEL 7,
24 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN,
25 THE A.M.C. WEST COVINA MOVIE THEATER, THE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE



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1 SERVICES AND ALL OF THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS
2 ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.
3 RIGHT, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. DAVID SANDERS, OUR NEW
4 DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, TO SAY A
5 COUPLE OF WORDS.

6

7 **DR. DAVID SANDERS, D.C.F.S.:** JUST ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, I WANT TO THANK THE
9 PARTICIPANTS IN SPARK OF LOVE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND
10 COMMITMENT. IT MEANS A LOT TO KIDS WHO CAN'T BE HERE TO THANK
11 YOU, BUT I'M HERE TO THANK YOU FOR THEM, SO THANKS. [APPLAUSE
12]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE ANY OTHERS? ALL RIGHT.
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP NEXT. WE'LL BE CALLING YOU
16 AGAIN, I KNOW YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THAT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR
19 OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, JUDGE J. MICHAEL BYRNE,
20 WHO HAS SERVED FOR ALMOST 21 YEARS ON OUR COUNTY SUPERIOR
21 COURT. HE STARTED AS A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN L.A. COUNTY
22 BACK IN 1969, THEN WENT TO THE SACRAMENTO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
23 OFFICE. HE BEGAN A SUPERIOR COURT TENURE AT THE DOWNTOWN
24 CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING AND HE SERVED IN THE NORTH DISTRICT
25 WHERE HE SERVED AS SUPERVISING JUDGE IN '95 AND '96 IN



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1 JUVENILE COURT AND CURRENTLY PRESIDES OVER TRIAL COURTS IN
2 PASADENA. SO MIKE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, WE'D LIKE TO GIVE
3 YOU THIS PROCLAMATION, YOU COME FROM A LONG FAMILY OF MEMBERS
4 WHO SERVED THE JUDICIARY FROM THE COUNTY AND FEDERAL LEVEL AND
5 WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS.

6

7 **JUDGE J. MICHAEL BYRNE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S ALSO
10 RETIRING, WHO'S DONE A WONDERFUL JOB OF 31 YEARS WITH THE LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THAT'S CAPTAIN TOM
12 PIGGOTT, WHO'S HERE WITH HIS WIFE, DEBBIE. HE WAS FIRST
13 INTRODUCED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT BACK IN 1966 AS A MILITARY
14 PATROLMAN DURING A SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. UPON
15 RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE, HE JOINED THE HIGHWAY PATROL IN
16 1969 AND HE BECAME AWARE OF THE ISSUES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, HE
17 HAD A LATERAL TRANSFER TO THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
18 IN 1972, 31 YEARS AGO. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE NORWALK AND PICO
19 RIVERA STATIONS WHERE HE WORKED AS A TRAINING OFFICER AND
20 STATION DETECTIVE. AFTER BEING PROMOTED TO SERGEANT, HE WAS
21 ASSIGNED TO THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WHERE HE WAS LEGAL LIAISON,
22 OPERATION SERGEANT AND AS THE DEPARTMENT'S LIAISON TO THE L.A.
23 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE DURING THE FAMED RUTHERFORD HEARINGS
24 IN FEDERAL COURT. PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT IN 1985, HE WAS
25 ASSIGNED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATION WHERE HE HELD



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1 VIRTUALLY EVERY LIEUTENANT ASSIGNMENT FOR THE NEXT 14 YEARS.
2 WHILE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, HE BECAME ACTIVE WITHIN THE
3 LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVING AS LIAISON TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER,
4 BOARD MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HUMAN RELATIONS TASK
5 FORCE, CURRENTLY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANTELOPE
6 VALLEY REGION OF THE UNITED WAY. IN 1998 HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF
7 THE SHERIFF'S STATION, A POSITION HE'S HELD UPON HIS
8 RETIREMENT LAST WEEK. SO, TOM, FOR YOUR PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP
9 AND YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND AS A OUTSTANDING ROLE MODEL TO
10 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR
11 RETIREMENT AND HOPE YOU STAY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. [
12 APPLAUSE]

13

14 **CAPTAIN TOM PIGOTT:** I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD AND
15 SPECIFICALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR THEIR SUPPORT,
16 UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, BOTH FIRE AND LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT OVER THE YEARS. BEEN A GOOD FRIEND AND A GOOD
18 SUPPORTER OF US. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RETIREMENT, IT'S
19 BEEN A GREAT CAREER, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL A
20 LIFELONG DREAM, TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
21 BE A PART OF THE GREATEST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ON EARTH, AND
22 THE PEOPLE I WILL MISS, BUT I'M GOING INTO RETIREMENT NOW AND
23 I'M GOING TO ENJOY IT AND YOU FOLKS CAN GET TO WORK AND I'M
24 GOING TO GO FISHIN'. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WANT TO CALL UP JUDGE RUDOLPH DIAZ,
2 CHAIR OF THE DRUG COURT OVERSIGHTS COMMITTEE AND THE HONORABLE
3 MICHAEL TYNAN, VICE CHAIR OF THE DRUG COURT OVERSIGHT
4 COMMITTEE, AND PEGGY SHUTTLEWORTH, C.C.J.C.C. EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR AND PAT ZABARO, WHO IS THE DRUG COURT COORDINATOR.
6 WE'RE CALLING THEM -- IF WE COULD GET THEM UP, I KNOW THEY
7 HAVE TO GET BACK TO COURT, SO WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE HOLDING
8 THEM UP AND WE WANT TO GET COURT GOING, AND THEY'VE DONE SUCH
9 A WONDERFUL JOB. DRUG COURT HAS BEEN THE MODEL FOR THE
10 SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSITION 36 IN THE COUNTY BY
11 BRINGING TOGETHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE TREATMENT AND OTHER
12 COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND
13 CRIMINALITY. THE PROGRAMS COMBINE STRICT JUDICIAL SUPERVISION,
14 MANDATORY DRUG TESTING, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTENSIVE TREATMENT
15 TO EFFECTIVELY BREAK THE CYCLE OF DRUG ADDICTION AND RELATED
16 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM IS CERTAINLY A
17 SUCCESS STORY, AND THE HARD WORK AND LEADERSHIP OF THE DRUG
18 COURT COMMUNITY IS CLEARLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT SUCCESS. HERE
19 TODAY ARE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THIS PROGRAM WORK.
20 TODAY'S RESOLUTION PAYS TRIBUTE TO ALL OF THOSE WHO PLAY A
21 SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM. IN CONJUNCTION
22 WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONAL'S
23 NINTH ANNUAL ADULT DRUG COURT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED MAY 15TH
24 THROUGH 17TH IN RENO, NEVADA, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY
25 PROCLAIMS APRIL 2003 AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY DRUG MONTH, DRUG



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1 COURT MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF ALL OF THOSE WHO MAKE DRUG COURT
2 SO SUCCESSFUL, AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'VE BEEN THERE, I'VE
3 SEEN YOUR GRADUATIONS, AND I THINK ALL OF US AGREE, IT IS
4 DOING A WONDERFUL JOB, AND YOU'RE CERTAINLY TO BE COMMENDED. [
5 APPLAUSE]

6

7 **JUDGE RUDOLPH DIAZ:** WELL, I THINK THAT WHAT THE DRUG COURTS
8 HAVE DEMONSTRATED VERY IMPORTANTLY IS THE SUCCESS OF
9 COLLABORATION AMONG THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHO HAVE
10 FORGED TOGETHER WITH COMMON GOALS AND WITH UNDYING EFFORTS
11 HAVE COME UP WITH A GREAT SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, BUT IT DOESN'T
12 HAPPEN WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE MONEY,
13 AND THOSE ARE THE FOLKS FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I
14 WANT TO THANK YOU IN PARTICULAR FOR YOUR LONGSTANDING AND
15 SOLID SUPPORT, WE'VE HAD IT FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS NOW, AND I
16 APPRECIATE IT AND THIS IS A SUCCESS FOR US AS A GROUP OF FOLKS
17 WHO ARE WORKING TOGETHER, BUT IT'S A REAL SUCCESS, OF COURSE,
18 FOR THE PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT DIRECTLY, THEIR PARENTS, THEIR
19 CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR FRIENDS, AND I THANK YOU
20 ONCE AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE DONE TO SUPPORT US.
21 THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
24 FOR LETTING THE COURT GET STARTED.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY DEPUTY SERGEANT PAUL DINO, WHO SAVED A 10-MONTH-OLD
3 LANCASTER BABY WHO HAD ALMOST DROWNED IN A BATHTUB ON FEBRUARY
4 14TH, AND THROUGH HIS -- [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THROUGH HIS RAPID RESPONSE AND ADMINISTERING
7 THE RESUSCITATION FOR THAT CHILD, THAT CHILD IS ALIVE TODAY,
8 AND THROUGH HIS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, HE'S A CREDIT TO OUR
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND TO THE MEN AND
10 WOMEN WHO SERVE THERE IN HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS. SO DEPUTY
11 DINO, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE, AND
12 I KNOW THE CHILD IS VERY HEALTHFUL AND THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU
13 HAVE DONE FOR HER. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SERGEANT PAUL DINO:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD AND
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR THIS -- FOR THIS GREAT HONOR, IT
17 REALLY TRULY IS AN HONOR. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE MEN
18 OF FIRE STATION -- L.A. COUNTY FIRE STATION 33 WHO FOLLOWED UP
19 BEHIND ME. THEIR ADVANCED MEDICAL CARE ASSURED THAT THIS BABY
20 WILL SURVIVE AND THE BABY DID SURVIVE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY
21 MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 8-WEEK-OLD BOY NAMED
24 LUKE, HE'S A GOLDEN RETRIEVER MIX WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME,
25 AND THIS IS LUKE.



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2 **AUDIENCE:** OOHS AND AHS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COOL PAW LUKE, ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT LUKE?
5 HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND YOU CAN CALL IF YOU'RE WATCHING
6 AT HOME ON TELEVISION, AREA CODE 562-728-4644, AND LITTLE LUKE
7 CAN BE YOUR LITTLE EASTER SURPRISE. YOU LIKE LUKE?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOURS, SUPERVISOR
10 MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? ALL RIGHT. I'LL GO ON
11 WITH MINE. I'D LIKE TO CALL CHANEL BRIMMER AND MISS TEEN
12 CARSON COURT FORWARD. THIS YEAR, THE CITY OF CARSON CONTINUED
13 A TRADITION THAT BEGAN 19 YEARS AGO BY SELECTING MISS TEEN
14 CARSON AND HER COURT. THE CONTEST IS OPEN TO YOUNG WOMEN 14 TO
15 19 YEARS OLD WITH GRADE POINT AVERAGES OF AT LEAST 2.5 AND A
16 GOOD RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. THE WINNERS ARE ALSO
17 SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF HAVING GOOD PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS
18 AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS PAST HIGH SCHOOL. MISS TEEN CARSON AND
19 THE FIRST TWO RUNNERS-UP RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE COLLEGE
20 OF THEIR CHOICE ON ACCEPTANCE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COURT,
21 INCLUDING THE THIRD AND FOURTH RUNNER-UP RECEIVE PRIZES. THE
22 QUEEN REIGNS FOR ONE YEAR. DURING THAT TIME, SHE AND HER COURT
23 MAKE NUMEROUS APPEARANCES AT COMMUNITY EVENTS, INCLUDING THE
24 ANNUAL CITY OF CARSON PARADE. THE ENTIRE COURT COMPLETES THE
25 YEAR WITH WIDE EXPERIENCE ON HOW TO PRESENT ONESELF WITH POISE



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1 AT PUBLIC EVENTS. I'M VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO
2 MISS TEEN CARSON AND HER COURT. AND ACCOMPANYING THEM TODAY IS
3 THE FIRST EVER MISS TEEN CARSON, ANGELA ISAIAH PAYNE, OVER
4 HERE AT THE END, SHE SURE LOOKS LIKE A MISS TEEN CARSON, WHO
5 PRODUCED THE PAGEANT AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF CARSON'S
6 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. AND SO FIRST TO CHANELLE BRIMMER.

7 [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TO KENYA HILL. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CANDICE BOUTTE. SHANNON HENDERSON. SHE'S
12 NOT HERE, ANGELA ISAIAH -- NO, KEIANA MARTIN. [APPLAUSE].

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND TO ANGELA ISAIAH PAYNE. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **ANGELA ISAIAH PAYNE:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IT'S AN
17 HONOR TO BE HERE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ALSO CARSON, THE CITY OF
19 CARSON FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THANK YOU AND HAVE A BLESSED DAY. [
20 APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE A PICTURE.
23 CONGRATULATIONS. I'D LIKE TO CALL VICTOR NICKERSON FORWARD.
24 HE'S A LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER, REAL ESTATE APPRAISER,
25 WELL KNOWN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND HIS



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1 FATHER WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF GOLDEN STATE MUTUAL LIFE
2 INSURANCE COMPANY, ONE OF THE LARGEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN OWNED
3 INSURANCE COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE GOLDEN STATE
4 HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN A BUSINESS AND CULTURAL LANDMARK AT THE
5 CORNER OF ADAMS BOULEVARD AND WESTERN FOR SEVERAL DECADES. IN
6 THE YEARS BEFORE THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, VICTOR NICKERSON
7 RAN INTO NUMEROUS OBSTACLES WHILE PRACTICING HIS PROFESSION AS
8 AN APPRAISER. HOWEVER, HE PERSEVERED UNTIL HE BECAME ABLE TO
9 SUCCESSFULLY DO SO. HE JUST CELEBRATED HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY TWO
10 DAYS AGO AND IS STILL ACTIVE IN APPRAISING. [APPLAUSE] HE
11 HAS THREE ADULT CHILDREN, HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
12 CONSOLIDATED REALTY BOARD AND I'M PROUD TO SAY A SECOND
13 DISTRICT RESIDENT ALL HIS LIFE, AND HE'S SOMEONE I CAN
14 REMEMBER ALL OF MY LIFE, AND I'M SO PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS
15 SCROLL TO VICTOR NICKERSON IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY NUMEROUS
16 ACCOMPLISHMENTS. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **VICTOR NICKERSON:** I'VE SERVED THIS COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS,
19 AND I SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE IT, TO SERVE AND I KNOW
20 SUPERVISOR, TWO YEARS -- ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, THE COMPANY
21 CELEBRATED 75 YEARS OF BUSINESS, FOR WHICH WE ARE GRATEFUL.
22 I'D LIKE FOR MY DAUGHTERS TO STAND UP. MY DAUGHTERS WILL
23 CONTINUE TO SERVE JUST LIKE I DID AND I HOPE THEY MAKE IT TO
24 75 YEARS, THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** [LIGHT LAUGHTER] THANK YOU SO MUCH, NICE
2 TO SEE YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
5 TAKE THIS OUT OF ORDER. I'D LIKE TO ASK CHIEF FREEMAN TO JOIN
6 ME HERE, ALONG WITH LIFEGUARD GAVORK AKOPYAN. MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, A FEW WEEKS AGO, I RECEIVED A
8 LETTER FROM MR. PHILLIP POLLAN IN RICHARDSON, TEXAS. AND I'LL
9 JUST READ A COUPLE OF THE EXCERPTS BECAUSE IT'S BETTER THAN
10 ANYTHING I COULD SAY MYSELF, IT SAID "ON FRIDAY, THE 14TH OF
11 FEBRUARY, 2003, GAVORK AKOPYAN WAS ON DUTY AS A LIFEGUARD AT
12 THE SANTA MONICA BEACH IN LOS ANGELES. TWO OF MY ADULT
13 CHILDREN, JASON AND HOLLY POLLAN, TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL OF
14 THEIR COLLEGE FRIENDS WERE VISITING LOS ANGELES ON A SHORT
15 BREAK FROM THEIR UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN UTAH. WHEN MY SON
16 JASON, WHO HAD BEEN IN THE WATER LONGER THAN ANY OF HIS PARTY
17 REALIZED THAT A RIP CURRENT HAD DEVELOPED, HE SWAM FURTHER OUT
18 TO WHERE HIS SISTER HOLLY AND A FRIEND WERE TO TELL THEM THAT
19 IT WAS TIME TO GO ASHORE. WHEN HE GOT DO HOLLY AND JED HE WAS
20 CONFUSED AND COULDN'T REMEMBER WHY HE'D SWAM FURTHER OUT TO
21 THEM. OF COURSE ONCE THEY REALIZED THEY WERE IN A RIP CURRENT,
22 SWIMMING AGAINST THE CURRENT DID NO GOOD AT ALL. MY DAUGHTER
23 AND SON BOTH STATED THAT THEY SWAM HARDER THAN THEY'D EVER
24 SWAM BEFORE IN THEIR ENTIRE LIFE TRYING TO REACH SHORE AND
25 THEY WERE STILL MAKING NO PROGRESS AND IN FACT WERE GOING



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1 FURTHER OUT TO SEA. THE SITUATION WAS NOT GOOD AND RAPIDLY
2 DETERIORATING AS THEY WERE STARTING TO QUICKLY TIRE AND THE
3 EFFECTS OF THE COLD WATER WERE UNKNOWINGLY ACCUMULATING. AT
4 SOME POINT IN THIS TRAIN OF EVENTS, MR. AKOPYAN ALERTLY
5 DETERMINED THAT THIS GROUP OF SWIMMERS, OR AT LEAST SOME OF
6 THEM, WERE IN TROUBLE AND WERE IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE
7 ASSISTANCE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAD BEEN CLOSELY WATCHING
8 THIS GROUP AND COULD SPOT TELLTALE SIGNS OF DISTRESS. WHEN LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY LIFEGUARD GAVORK AKOPYAN SWAM OUT TO THEM WITH
10 A FLOAT TO JASON TO HANG ON TO, IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THEIR
11 WAY BACK TO THE BEACH. MY SON, JASON AND HIS FRIEND JED HELD
12 ON TO THE FLOAT AS MR. AKOPYAN TOWED BOTH OF THEM BACK TO THE
13 BEACH AT THE SAME TIME. THEY WERE SO TIRED THEY COULD DO NO
14 MORE THAN FEEBLY KICK THEIR LEGS AND PRETTY MUCH JUST HUNG ON.
15 THIS COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EASY, TOWING TWO EXHAUSTED PEOPLE BACK
16 TO THE BEACH IN THE VICINITY OF A RIP CURRENT. I UNDERSTAND
17 THAT ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE PARTY WHO HAD SOME STRENGTH LEFT
18 WAS ATTEMPTING TO PUSH THE FLOAT AS MR. AKOPYAN TOWED IT.
19 HOLLY STATED TO ME THAT WHEN MR. AKOPYAN TOLD HER TO SWIM FOR
20 THE BEACH AND CALL 9-1-1, THAT SHE REALIZED FOR THE FIRST TIME
21 JUST HOW SERIOUS THE SITUATION WAS. THIS WAS A TESTAMENT TO
22 THE LIFEGUARD'S GOOD JUDGMENT AND TRAINING THAT HE COULD
23 RECOGNIZE THAT MY SON WOULD NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE ONCE HE
24 WAS BACK ON THE BEACH. I BELIEVE THAT THE GOOD LORD WAS
25 WATCHING OVER MY TWO CHILDREN ON VALENTINE'S DAY 2003 AND THAT



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1 GAVORK AKOPYAN WAS THE INSTRUMENT IN THE LORD'S HANDS TO BRING
2 THEM TO SAFETY. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT IF HE HAD NOT BEEN
3 THERE THE CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD THAT TRAGEDY WOULD HAVE BEEN
4 THE OUTCOME RATHER THAN THE HAPPY RESULT THAT DID OCCUR. I
5 WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO MR. AKOPYAN IN PERSON. THANK
6 YOU. THESE WORDS ARE INADEQUATE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AND
7 I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SHAKE THE HAND OF THE MAN WHO SAVED MY
8 CHILDREN. AS I WRITE THIS, THE WORDS HAVE BECOME BLURRY AND
9 DIFFICULT TO READ AS THE TEARS IN MY EYES PROBABLY EXPRESS MY
10 FEELINGS THE BEST. IF MR. AKOPYAN WERE EVER IN DALLAS, I WOULD
11 COUNT IT AN HONOR TO MAKE HIS ACQUAINTANCE. BY COPY OF THIS
12 LETTER I'M ASKING LIFEGUARD CHIEF SCHROEDER TO NOTE IN GAVORK
13 AKOPYAN'S OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FILE, MR. AKOPYAN'S ALERT,
14 CLEARHEADED, AND VERY PROFESSIONAL HANDLING OF THIS POTENTIAL
15 TRAGEDY." WELL AND BY VIRTUE OF THIS LETTER HE ALSO GOT MR.
16 AKOPYAN TO COME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BE HONORED.
17 THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT TURNED OUT WELL THAT I THINK
18 WARMS ALL OF OUR HEARTS WHEN WE SEE IT. THIS IS THE KIND OF
19 THING THAT THE LIFEGUARDS DO DAY IN AND DAY OUT. IT'S NOTHING
20 EXTRAORDINARY, BUT IT IS EXTRAORDINARY WHEN IT'S YOUR CHILD OR
21 YOUR CHILDREN, AND WHICH IS TO SAY THAT EVERY TIME YOU SAVE A
22 LIFE, IT'S AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT
23 WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE RECOGNIZE BECAUSE WE DON'T TAKE THE
24 LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS OF OUR LIFEGUARDS FOR GRANTED. SO GAVORK
25 IF YOU'LL JOIN ME HERE. I WANT TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO YOU



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1 AND ON BEHALF OF MR. POLLAN, AND I HOPE YOU'LL TAKE HIM UP ON
2 IT, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS LETTER AND YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO GO TO
3 DALLAS, I GOT A FEELING YOU'LL HAVE A GOOD DINNER. AND ON
4 BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANT TO THANK
5 YOU FOR YOUR LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS, NOT ONLY IN THIS CASE, BUT
6 THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE I ASK GAVORK TO SAY A WORD, LET ME
9 ASK CHIEF FREEMAN TO SAY A WORD.

10

11 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR AND MEMBERS OF
12 THE BOARD. CHIEF LIFEGUARD MIKE FRAZIER AND ACTING SECTION
13 CHIEF DAVE STORY ARE HERE WITH ME, AND WE ALL JOIN WITH YOUR
14 BOARD IN SALUTING THESE LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS OF GAVORK. 60
15 MILLION PEOPLE VISIT THE BEACHES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY EVERY
16 YEAR. 15 -- OVER 15,000 RESCUES ARE DONE BY LIFEGUARDS, AND
17 THE GRATITUDE FROM A FAMILY FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, HAS BROUGHT
18 GAVORK TO YOUR BOARD AND TO ALL OF OUR ATTENTION. HE
19 REPRESENTS THE COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN THAT SERVE ON THE
20 BEACH AND WE JOIN WITH ALL OF YOU THIS MORNING AND ALSO WITH
21 HIS MOTHER WHO'S HERE WITH US AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS AND A
23 JOB WELL DONE TO GAVORK AND BEST WISHES FOR FUTURE SUCCESSFUL
24 LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **GAVORK AKOPYAN:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE CHIEF DAVE STORY, MIKE
3 FRAZIER, MICHAEL FREEMAN, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THIS AWARD
4 WITH BEHALF OF ALL MY FELLOW LIFEGUARDS WHO DO THE SAME THING
5 EVERY DAY ALL SUMMER LONG, ALL SPRING LONG AND ALL WINTER
6 LONG. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE] I'D ALSO LIKE TO
7 INTRODUCE MY MOTHER, BARBARA AKOPYAN, FOR BRINGING ME TO THIS
8 COUNTRY IN 1988, GIVING ME A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GO TO
9 SCHOOL HERE AND BE A LIFEGUARD. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN,
12 MARGARET TODD, FORWARD. THE LIBRARIES OF OUR NATION AND OUR
13 COUNTY HAVE BECOME MODERN COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR EDUCATION,
14 INFORMATION, AND ENTERTAINMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY. THEY'VE
15 PROVIDED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WITH THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO
16 LIVE, WORK, AND LEARN. LIBRARIES ARE TRULY GATEWAYS TO THE
17 WORLD, PROVIDING ACCESS TO NEARLY EVERYTHING ON THE INTERNET,
18 IN PRINT AND OFFERING PERSONAL SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN
19 FINDINGS IT. LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 570,000 CHILDREN
20 PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAMS AT COUNTY LIBRARIES. MORE THAN 89,000
21 CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS HAVE RECEIVED NEW COUNTY LIBRARY
22 CARDS AND MORE THAN 7 MILLION CHILDREN'S BOOKS HAVE BEEN
23 BORROWED. AND LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SUPPORTERS ACROSS AMERICA
24 ARE CELEBRATING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF LIBRARIES
25 DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 6TH THROUGH THE 12TH. ON



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1 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PEOPLE OF LOS
2 ANGELES, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 6TH THROUGH THE
3 12TH AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN THE COUNTY, AND I ENCOURAGE
4 COUNTY RESIDENTS TO VISIT THEIR LOCAL LIBRARIES, TAKE
5 ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT ARE THERE AND
6 ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO ALL HAVE CARDS AND BECOME
7 BORROWERS FROM OUR LIBRARY. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **MARGARET TODD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE KNOW THAT PUBLIC
10 LIBRARIES ARE THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY SO WE INVITE EVERYONE
11 TO COME VISIT THEIR PUBLIC LIBRARY, IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF
12 WEEKS WE'LL HAVE A LOT OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND WE ARE HERE FOR
13 MANY REASONS, PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IS TO BE SURE
14 OUR CHILDREN ARE LITERATE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND NOW I'D LIKE TO CALL MIKE MOHAJER TO
17 COME FORWARD. HE'S BEEN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS,
18 HE ENTERED COUNTY SERVICE MAY 1ST, 1973 AS A CIVIL ENGINEERING
19 ASSISTANT WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER. HE SERVED IN PROGRESSIVELY
20 MORE RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR
21 WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE
22 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM DIVISION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
23 WORKS. HE SERVED WITH SUCH DISTINCTION THAT HE WAS APPOINTED
24 BY THE CALIFORNIA SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY TO THE CALIFORNIA
25 INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL



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1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. HE'S ALSO SERVED ON NUMEROUS OTHER STATE
2 AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IS NOW SERVING AS CHAIR FOR THE
3 SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION FOR NORTH AMERICA'S LEGISLATIVE TASK
4 FORCE CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS. HE'S BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN
5 DEVELOPING BUILDING CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING METHANE GAS.
6 UNDER HIS GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP, THE WASTE MANAGEMENT
7 PROGRAMS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND
8 ACCOLADES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AS BEING AMONG THE MOST
9 INNOVATIVE, COST EFFICIENT AND COST EFFECTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT
10 PROGRAMS. HE HAS JUST RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 WORKS AND, OF COURSE, WE'RE VERY SORRY TO SEE HIM GO, BUT WE
12 WANT TO HONOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND WISH HIM A HEALTHY
13 RETIREMENT AND AN ENJOYABLE RETIREMENT, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO
14 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **MIKE MOHAJER:** I SPEAK ALL THE TIME, BUT I WROTE A FEW NOTES
17 TODAY BECAUSE I'M NERVOUS TO TALK. BUT HAVING SAID THAT, I
18 WANT TO THANKS MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD. I CAME TO
19 THE U.S. IN MARCH OF 1960 AND HARDLY COULD SPEAK ANY ENGLISH,
20 BUT IT WAS MY DREAM TO STUDY WITH U.S. -- IN THE U.S., THE
21 LAND OF OPPORTUNITY. I'M SORRY, I'M GETTING -- I JUST WANT TO
22 SAY IT'S BEEN A PRIVILEGE SERVING THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY,
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THROUGH THE COUNTY PUBLIC FORCE,
24 GREATEST PUBLIC FORCE AGENCY IN THE NATION AS FAR AS I'M



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1 CONCERNED. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AGAIN. GOD BLESS AMERICA,
2 EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IN THE MILITARY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **JIM NOYES:** MIKE, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC
5 WORKS DEPARTMENT AND ALL THE PEOPLE YOU'VE WORKED WITH DOWN
6 THROUGH THE YEARS WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SERVICE
7 AND YOUR HARD WORK, YOUR DEDICATION, AND MIKE CERTAINLY IS A
8 SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT IN THE DEPARTMENT WHEN IT COMES TO HIS
9 FIELD OF EXPERTISE. AND MIKE, WE OWE YOU A GREAT DEAL. THANK
10 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR IF I CAN JUST ADD, MIKE,
13 JUST BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH YOU OVER THE YEARS. YOU
14 HAVE BEEN JUST A CLASS ACT TO WORK WITH. WE HAD SOME VERY
15 DIFFICULT SITUATIONS IN OUR DISTRICT OVER THE YEARS WHERE,
16 WITH YOUR PEOPLE SKILLS AND YOUR TENACITY AND PERSEVERANCE,
17 YOU'VE MADE A SMOOTH TRANSITION, AND WE CAN'T -- ON BEHALF OF
18 MYSELF AND MY STAFF AND OUR CITIZENS, SAY THANK YOU ENOUGH,
19 GOD BLESS YOU.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO ECHO THOSE REMARKS.
22 MY STAFF AND I BOTH APPRECIATE THE PROFESSIONALISM AND THE
23 CAN-DO ATTITUDE THAT MIKE HAS EXHIBITED OVER THE YEARS THAT
24 WE'VE WORKED WITH HIM, AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU. GOOD LUCK.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO DAVE ANETTA AND COMMEN IN OUR OFFICE
2 APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU DURING OUR YEARS
3 THAT YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE OUR FIFTH DISTRICT, SO
4 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT AND GOD BLESS YOU. [
5 APPLAUSE].

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND NOW WE'D LIKE TO CALL UP DEBORAH
8 ALEXANDER. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR 37 YEARS, DEBORAH ALEXANDER HAS BEEN AN
11 EXEMPLARY COUNTY EMPLOYEE. SHE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES FROM
12 PONTIAC, MICHIGAN, IN THE EARLY 1960S. IN 1966, SHE BEGAN HER
13 COUNTY CAREER AS A TYPIST CLERK WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR. SEVEN YEARS LATER SHE TRANSFERRED TO
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND IN 1974 SHE TRANSFERRED TO
16 H. CLAUDE HUDSON COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER WHERE SHE MET HER
17 HUSBAND, JOSEPH ALEXANDER. IN 1982, DEBORAH BEGAN WORKING FOR
18 OUR DEPARTMENT -- FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AS A
19 SENIOR SECRETARY. IN 1983, SHE RECEIVED A B.A. DEGREE WITH A
20 CONCENTRATION IN SOCIOLOGY FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LOS
21 ANGELES. SHE CONTINUED HER MARCH UP THE CAREER LADDER WHEN SHE
22 MOVED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL ADMINISTRATIVE
23 SERVICE BUREAU AS A MANAGEMENT SECRETARY IN 1986. IN THIS
24 CAPACITY, SHE HAS BEEN HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE EXECUTIVE
25 MANAGEMENT LEGAL AND SUPPORT STAFF WITH WHOM SHE WORKS. NOW,



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1 AFTER 37 YEARS, SHE'S RETIRING FROM COUNTY SERVICE. WE'RE
2 ALWAYS SORRY TO LOSE THE SERVICES OF HIGHLY-QUALIFIED AND
3 DEDICATED PERSONNEL, BUT HOWEVER, WE THANK HER FOR HER
4 EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND EXTEND HER THE SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A
5 LONG, HAPPY AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **DEBORAH ALEXANDER:** I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. I'VE HAD A
8 GOOD RIDE. 37 YEARS IS A LONG TIME. I WANT TO THANK GLENETTA
9 HAYWARD FOR BRINGING ME TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND I WANT TO THANK
10 MR. COMMEN FOR HAVING ME HERE AND BEING SO KIND TO ME. AND I
11 ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY HUSBAND, MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, JUDGE
12 RONALD SKIERS AND MY SISTER CAROLYN SKIERS FOR COMING HERE
13 TODAY, AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE IN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
14 FOR COMING DOWN HERE TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE HAVE EVERYONE STAND FROM
17 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL JOAN H. JACKSON FORWARD.
20 THE NUMBER ONE PREVENTABLE CAUSE OF DEATH AND INJURY OF
21 CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IS AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS. ABOUT 150
22 AUTO PASSENGERS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS OLD ARE KILLED EVERY
23 YEAR IN CALIFORNIA AND 24,000 ARE INJURED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT
24 MORE THAN 70% OF THOSE WHO DIED WOULD BE ALIVE TODAY IF THEY'D
25 ONLY BEEN IN CRASH-TESTED CAR SAFETY SEATS OR HAD BEEN WEARING



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1 A SEAT BELT. IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT INFANTS AND
2 YOUNG CHILDREN CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY A SEAT BELT
3 OR BY AIRBAGS. THE BEST RESTRAINT FOR CHILDREN IN THIS AGE
4 GROUP IS A CRASH-TESTED SAFETY SEAT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
5 MODERATELY PRICED SEATS WIDELY AVAILABLE EITHER IN STORES OR
6 AT LOW COST CARE SAFETY SEAT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS. THE STATE
7 HAS RULED THAT UNTIL CHILDREN ARE SIX YEARS OLD OR WEIGH 60
8 POUNDS, THEY MUST BE IN CHILD SAFETY SEATS WHEN TRAVELING IN A
9 CAR. HOWEVER, IT'S ESTIMATED ONLY 60% OF THESE CHILDREN ARE
10 PROTECTED BY SAFETY SEATS ON EVERY RIDE. THE GOAL OF SAFETY-
11 BELT SAFE U.S.A. IS TO MAKE CHILDREN AWARE AND PEOPLE AWARE OF
12 HOW TO PROTECT YOUNG CHILDREN WHILE THEY'RE PASSENGERS IN
13 MOTOR VEHICLES. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I
14 HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 30TH THROUGH APRIL 4TH AS
15 SAFETY SEAT CHECK-UP WEEK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
16 ANGELES. AND I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO JOAN
17 H. JACKSON, PRESIDENT OF SAFETY-BELT SAFE U.S.A. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE ALL KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS.
20 COULD YOU SAY A WORD FOR US MISS JACKSON?

21

22 **JOAN JACKSON:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING. I BROUGHT A PRESENT FOR THE
23 SUPERVISORS. IN 2002, AT THE PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM
24 CHECKUP DATE, 85% OF THE CAR SEATS WERE INSTALLED IMPROPERLY.
25 JUST AS WE HAVE ELIMINATED MEASLES, MUMPS, WHOOPING COUGH, ET



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1 CETERA, AS KILLERS OF CHILDREN, WE COULD ELIMINATE THIS
2 PROBLEM. IT COULD BE AN INTERESTING MARKETING STRATEGY FOR
3 AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS, CAR SEATS AS OPTIONAL OR STANDARD
4 EQUIPMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
5 THEIR SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN IN THIS MONTH OF APRIL, THE MONTH
6 OF THE YOUNG CHILD. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR ALL OF THESE
11 PRESENTATIONS. WE HAVE A LOT OF PARTICULAR CELEBRATIONS THAT
12 ARE COMING UP IN APRIL. I'M GOING TO CALL DEANE TILTON AND
13 OTHER MEMBERS OF I-CAN FORWARD. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
14 IMPACTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM ALL CULTURAL, ETHNIC, AND
15 SOCIOECONOMIC GROUPS, LEAVING LASTING SCARS ON VICTIMS AND
16 COMMUNITIES. WELL OVER 161,000 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE YEAR 2002.
18 ABOUT ONE CHILD A WEEK IS THE VICTIM OF FATAL CHILD ABUSE IN
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. COUNTLESS OTHERS SUFFER PERMANENT
20 DISABILITY AS A RESULT OF THIS TRULY HEARTBREAKING PROBLEM.
21 OFTEN, THE ABUSERS WERE THEMSELVES ABUSED AS CHILDREN. I WANT
22 TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK AND DEDICATION OF THOSE PROFESSIONALS
23 AND VOLUNTEERS WHO'VE HAD EVERY EFFORT TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE
24 AND NEGLECT IN THE COUNTY. AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS, I JOIN WITH I-CAN, THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON



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1 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2003
2 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
3 AND I HEREBY PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO DEANE TILTON,
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, I-CAN. [APPLAUSE] [MIXED VOICES]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO READ THERE ALL
7 THEIR NAMES. RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO READ THEM? COULD WE ASK MR.
8 SANDERS TO COME FORWARD, COME BACK UP? I THINK, IS THAT HIM --
9 HE'S IN THE BACK, I THINK. COULD WE ASK MR. SANDERS TO COME
10 FORWARD, PLEASE? ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THE POSTER WINNERS HERE.
11 AND DEANE, YOU'RE GOING TO TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW THIS
12 CONTEST IS CARRIED ON.

13

14 **DEANE TILTON:** THE FINALISTS WHO ARE BEFORE YOU TODAY REPRESENT
15 THE WINNERS FROM 25 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND OVER 600 APPLICANTS,
16 AND SINCE WE HAVE STARTED THE I-CAN CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
17 MONTH POSTER ART CONTEST THERE HAVE BEEN 18,000 CHILDREN WHO
18 HAVE ENTERED THIS CONTEST. SO YOU'RE REALLY LOOKING AT SOME
19 PRETTY SPECIAL KIDS. I JUST WANT TO MAKE THE POINT THAT
20 CHILDREN'S HEARTS AND MINDS ARE SPONGES, AND WHEN WE TALK
21 ABOUT THE 162,000 CHILDREN REFERRED FOR CHILD ABUSE AND
22 NEGLECT, SOMETIMES WE FORGET THAT THEY WERE IN CLASSROOMS AND
23 IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITH OTHER CHILDREN WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THAT.
24 AND THIS CONTEST GIVES THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR
25 CONCERN, EXPRESS THEIR PASSION, AND LET OTHER PEOPLE KNOW WHAT



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1 THEY THINK MIGHT HELP PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. I
2 THOUGHT MAYBE TYLER HICKS FROM INGLEWOOD MIGHT WANT TO READ
3 JUST ONE POSTER, JUST READ HER POSTER SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT KIND
4 OF MESSAGES THESE KIDS HAVE CREATED.

5

6 **TYLER HICKS:** CHILDREN ARE A BLESSING FROM ABOVE, SO DON'T
7 ABUSE THEM, GIVE THEM LOVE.

8

9 **DEANE TILTON:** AND FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE, BEVERLY -- BEVERLY
10 KURTZ IS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THIS CONTEST AND HAS BEEN SINCE
11 ITS INCEPTION. THIS YEAR WE INCLUDED THE SAFE HAVEN LAW, AND I
12 KNOW SUPERVISOR KNABE IS SPONSORING THE BUMPER STICKERS FOR
13 SAFE HAVEN LAW. HE'S ALSO BEEN ONE OF OUR JUDGES FOR MANY
14 YEARS, AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE TWO. WE HAVE THIS VERY HUMOROUS
15 ONE, KEEP OUR BABIES BLOOMING, USE THE SAFE HAVEN LAW, AND
16 THEN TYLER, NO, NO, I MEAN SKYLAR MOORE FROM MERMON SCHOOL HAS
17 "DON'T ABANDON OUR BABIES," AN ALL VISUAL WORK. SO IF YOU WANT
18 TO USE EITHER OF THESE FOR POSTERS -- SO YOU MAY HOLD THAT ONE
19 BECAUSE THE CHILD UNFORTUNATELY IS SICK, WHO HAD THAT POSTER,
20 AND I WANTED TO PARTICULARLY THANK SUPERVISOR YVONNE
21 BRATHWAITE-BURKE WHO HAS BEEN A GREAT SUPPORT TO I-CAN AND I-
22 CAN ASSOCIATES SINCE SHE WAS A SUPERVISOR IN ANOTHER DISTRICT
23 MANY YEARS AGO, AND SHE WAS A JUDGE THIS YEAR AND TOOK HER
24 VALUABLE TIME, AS OTHER SUPERVISORS HAVE, GOING THROUGH THESE
25 PICTURES ONE BY ONE AND PARTAKING IN ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT



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1 TASKS I THINK YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU AND THAT IS DECIDING WHICH
2 ONES TO CHOOSE. SO WE HAVE MARGIE GINNS, WHO IS HEAD OF THE
3 CHILD ABUSE COUNCIL'S PROJECT, TAMMY TAYLOR FROM I-CAN
4 ASSOCIATES, AND AGAIN, THE CHILDREN WHO NOW HAVE SOMETHING TO
5 SAY TOGETHER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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7 **ALL:** APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. THANK YOU BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS AND I-CAN FOR HELPING CHILDREN. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE -- I'M JUST
11 GOING TO READ VERY BRIEFLY. SALLY DAYNE AND PATRICIA SCHWARTZ
12 IS HER TEACHER FROM SALANO SCHOOL, WHERE IS SHE? OKAY. AND I'M
13 GOING TO ASK YOU TO HOLD UP YOUR POSTER WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME.
14 SALLY DAYNE, HOLD UP YOUR POSTER. AMY COBB, STUDENT AT TOPEKA
15 DRIVE SCHOOL, DOUGLAS AND LAUREN COBB ARE HER PARENTS. YOU
16 HOLD UP YOUR POSTER. OKAY. AND JORDAN CHUN, MONTEREY HIGHLANDS
17 SCHOOL. JOE CASH IS THE PRINCIPAL. MARIA CHUN IS THE MOTHER,
18 AND JONATHAN, HE'S A STUDENT AT MONTEREY HIGHLANDS SCHOOL.
19 KATHERINE POD IS A STUDENT AT MONA VISTA SCHOOL. BELINDA HYDE
20 IS THE TEACHER. AND CLAIRE HEFFERNAN IS A STUDENT FROM
21 JEFFERSON SCHOOL, REDONDO BEACH, THE TEACHER IS ANN HEFFERNAN,
22 I THINK THAT'S THE MOTHER. AND TYLER HICKS IS A STUDENT FROM
23 FRANK DEPARITS SCHOOL AND NADINE HICKS IS HER MOTHER. AND
24 SKYLAR MOORE IS A STUDENT FROM MERMON AND ALICE MOORE IS HER



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1 MOTHER, IS HIS MOTHER. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND LET'S
2 GIVE THEM A BIG HAND. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **DEANE TILTON:** I DID WANT TO WELCOME DR. SANDERS, THE NEW
5 DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S. AND TELL HIM HOW EXCITED WE ARE THAT HE'S
6 JOINING OUR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EFFORTS AND BECOMING A PART
7 OF I-CAN, BECAUSE HE WILL BE ON THE POLICY COMMITTEE, AND
8 THANK YOU TO -- AND, OH, OF COURSE, DR. FIELDING, WHO HAS
9 WORKED SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH US FOR MANY YEARS, WE'RE VERY
10 APPRECIATIVE OF HIM. AND HE IS WORKING WITH THE SUPERVISOR AND
11 THE REST OF THE FIRST FIVE COMMISSION ON TRYING TO MAKE A VERY
12 LARGE DIFFERENCE IN THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.
13 AND TO EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR
15 MOLINA, YOU HAVE ALL BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE AND HAVE MADE A HUGE
16 DIFFERENCE. YOU ARE, IN FACT, HEROES TO US AND -- AND THE
17 OTHER HERO IS THE WOMAN WHO IS PROMOTING CAR SEAT SAFETY.
18 THANK YOU SO MUCH. CHILDREN'S LIVES WILL BE SAVED.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SPEAKER:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
23 FOR SUPPORTING THE I-CAN, I-CAN ASSOCIATES POSTER CONTEST
24 EVERY YEAR AND ESPECIALLY FOR SUPERVISORS BURKE FOR THIS YEAR



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1 FOR JUDGING AND FOR HER SUPPORT OF I-CAN SINCE THE VERY
2 BEGINNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I THINK THE FOURTH DISTRICT IS UP
7 FIRST. FOURTH DISTRICT PLEASE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
10 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I HAVE A FEW ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL,
11 I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF SUSAN K. RICHARDSON.
12 SUSAN WAS A LIFELONG BEST FRIEND OF MY WIFE. SHE PASSED AWAY
13 ON MARCH 27TH AT THE AGE OF 55. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO
14 KNEW HER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF WILBUR
15 CHARLES DANNIKER. MR. DANNIKER WAS THE FATHER OF OUR NEIGHBOR
16 AND GOOD FRIEND DWAYNE AND PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 21ST AT THE
17 AGE OF 94. ALSO WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR.
18 ROBERT BRIAN BENOIT, HE'S A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNSELING
19 AND GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OF CAL STATE L.A., A LICENSED CLINICAL
20 PSYCHOLOGIST, HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79 OF COMPLICATIONS
21 STEMMING FROM A STROKE AT THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL
22 IN SAN PEDRO. MR. BENOIT SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE IN 1949. HE
23 RECEIVED HIS B. A. IN SPEECH PATHOLOGY FROM MICHIGAN STATE. IN
24 1951, HE MARRIED BETTY. IN 1960, MR. BENOIT MOVED HIS FAMILY
25 TO HERMOSA BEACH AND, FOUR YEARS LATER RECEIVED A DOCTORATE



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1 FROM U.S.C. IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY. IN 1971 MR. BENOIT
2 JOINED THE FACULTY OF CAL STATE L.A. AND WAS AWARDED PROFESSOR
3 OF EMERITUS STATUS IN 1985. IN ADDITION TO BEING ONE OF THE
4 LEADING AUTHORITIES ON BEHAVIORAL PSYCHOLOGY, HE WAS ALSO AN
5 ACCOMPLISHED JAZZ GUITARIST WHO PROVIDED THE INSPIRATION FOR
6 HIS OLDEST SON WHO WE ALL KNOW AND RECOGNIZE, DAVID BENOIT, A
7 NOTED JAZZ PIANIST AND COMPOSER. DR. BENOIT WILL BE REMEMBERED
8 AS A LOVING HUSBAND, DEVOTED FATHER AND A COMMUNITY LEADER. HE
9 IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE SONS DAVID, DAN, PHIL AND HIS YOUNGER
10 SISTER, AUDREY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH
11 KAPLAN. HE WAS -- PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 17TH. HE IS SURVIVED BY
12 HIS WIFE OF 57 YEARS, FRANCES, TWIN SONS JOE JR. AND RICHARD,
13 TWO GRANDSONS, RYAN AND CHRISTOPHER, BROTHER MICHAEL, AND MANY
14 NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND MANY LOVING FRIENDS, EXCUSE ME. ALSO WE
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HELEN MCCAULEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
16 AGE OF 80, SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF BELLFLOWER FOR 50-PLUS YEARS.
17 SHE WORKED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A SECRETARY FOR 10 YEARS.
18 SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GOLDEN KEY CLUB AT CERRITOS COLLEGE.
19 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER NEPHEW SAM, AND NIECE JANICE. ALSO WE
20 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REVEREND BILL FROST, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
21 MARCH 22ND IN LAKEWOOD, HE WAS THE PASTOR OF MARE MEMORIAL
22 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH IN PARAMOUNT. HE WAS A HOSPITAL
23 CHAPLAIN AND SERVED AT BEACON LIGHT RESCUE MISSION. HE'S
24 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CONNIE, CHILDREN REBECCA, JAMES, DAVID,
25 TIMOTHY AND DANIEL, SISTER BOBBY, BROTHER COREY, AND EIGHT



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1 GRANDCHILDREN. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY
2 KUKAR, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES AND SHE IS
3 MARRIED TO TORRANCE PHYSICIAN DR. BENJAMIN KUKAR. SHE GREW UP
4 IN EL SEGUNDO, SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE LITTLE COMPANY OF
5 MARY HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER ACTIVITIES AND IS WELL KNOWN
6 THROUGHOUT THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY IN THE SOUTH BAY. ALSO THAT
7 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHELLE DEVITT, WHO PASSED AWAY
8 SUDDENLY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH, AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS.
9 MICHELLE WAS THE WIFE OF DENNIS DEVITT, WHO RETIRED AS A
10 PRINCIPAL DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL FIVE YEARS AGO. SHE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DENNIS, AND BY HER DAUGHTERS, TAMMY,
12 KATHY. MICHELLE SERVED HER COUNTY AS A NAVY NURSE DURING THE
13 VIETNAM WAR AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE SAN PANCREATIC CHURCH
14 IN LAKEWOOD. MANY OF YOU WILL REMEMBER DENNIS AND OUR THOUGHTS
15 AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIM AND HIS FAMILY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN
16 MEMORY OF SUNAN WALTY, BELOVED WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND
17 DEAR FRIEND TO ALL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND LINC, SONS
18 CHARLES, LINCOLN AND DAYMAN, GRANDCHILDREN, ASHLYN, RYAN, EVAN
19 AND ALEXIS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, COULD I JUST INTERJECT AT
22 THIS TIME, A CHECK PRESENTATION FROM L.A. COUNTY?

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TO THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM MR. LOTT,
2 YES. WE'D LIKE TO ASK JIM LOTT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF
3 THE HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO COME
4 FORWARD. I'M SORRY. SOMEHOW WE DIDN'T CALL YOU. THE MOST
5 IMPORTANT THING.

6

7 **JIM LOTT:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT, MADAM
8 CHAIR, BUT IT DOES MERIT TAKING A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF
9 OUR MUTUAL SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS. THIS ALL STARTED ABOUT 12 YEARS
10 AGO WHEN A GROUP OF HOSPITALS IN SOME OF THE COUNTIES IN THE
11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA SUED THE STATE BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE
12 STATE WAS REIMBURSING HOSPITALS FOR OUT-PATIENT MEDI-CAL
13 SERVICES. I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT 12 YEARS LATER AND SUPERVISOR
14 KNABE KNOWS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT NOW, AND A LOT OF LAWYERS'
15 FEES LATER, WE FINALLY DID GET A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME, A
16 SUCCESSFUL SETTLEMENT, AND ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA
17 HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN
18 CALIFORNIA, AND ALL OF THE HOSPITALS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THIS
19 LAWSUIT, WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT YOUR COUNTY, THIS COUNTY,
20 OUR COUNTY, WITH CHECKS FOR THE COUNTY HOSPITALS TOTALING 20
21 MILLION DOLLARS. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE CERTAINLY
24 APPRECIATE THIS, AND MAYBE WE SHOULD READ THESE HOSPITALS THAT
25 HAVE CONTRIBUTED THIS 20 MILLION. IT'S L.A. COUNTY U.S.C.



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1 MEDICAL CENTER, U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, HARBOR-U.C.L.A., COUNTY
2 HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL, M.L.K. DREW MEDICAL CENTER, VALLEY CARE,
3 OLIVE VIEW, U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER AND RANCHO LOS AMIGOS
4 NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER. AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU SO
5 MUCH BECAUSE THIS SETTLEMENT WAS SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO KEEP
6 OUR HOSPITALS OPEN, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT SO MUCH. I DON'T
7 KNOW WHETHER DR. GARTHWAITE IS HERE, WE'RE GOING TO BE CALLING
8 HIM VERY SOON.

9

10 **JIM LOTT:** WELL ONE THING YOU COULD ASK HIM, IF I MAY MADAM
11 CHAIR, I BELIEVE THAT THESE FUNDS, WHILE THEY WERE EXPECTED BY
12 THE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE THEY NEVER KNEW WHEN THEY WERE COMING,
13 THEY'RE NOT BUDGETED THIS YEAR, SO THIS IS GOING TO BE REALLY
14 GOOD FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES I WOULD THINK.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, AND WE HAVE THESE -- IS DR.
17 GARTHWAITE HERE? WE CAN ASK THE C.A.O. TO COME UP, I'M SURE
18 HE'LL TAKE THESE. MR. JANSSEN?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL TAKE IT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK HE'LL TAKE THEM. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HERE HE IS. HERE'S DR. GARTHWAITE. THESE
25 ARE REAL, REAL CHECKS.



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THEY ARE?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. OH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT. YOU THOUGHT
5 IT WAS LIKE A PAPER CHECK. ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, DR.

6 GARTHWAITE WOULD YOU CARE TO SAY A WORD?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IT'S BEEN
9 AN IMPORTANT PROCESS FOR VARIOUS HOSPITALS AROUND THE STATE TO
10 TRY TO GET ADEQUATE PAYMENT FOR THE WORK THAT WE DO. I THINK
11 THIS IS A GOOD REFLECTION OF THE TEAMWORK WHEN EVERYBODY SAYS,
12 "HEY ENOUGH, WE'VE GOT TO GET PAID FOR THE WORK THAT'S BEING
13 DONE," AND IT'S ALSO A TESTIMONY OF HOW LONG THE LEGAL PROCESS
14 CAN TAKE, GIVEN THIS LAWSUIT STARTED WHEN JIM?

15

16 **JIM LOTT:** ABOUT 12 YEARS AGO.

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT STARTED 12 YEARS AGO AND I THINK WE
19 SETTLED FOUR YEARS AGO, TO ACTUALLY SEE THE CHECK NOW IS A
20 TESTAMENT OF HOW LONG THE PROCESS IS, BUT CERTAINLY THIS IS
21 ANOTHER PIECE IN TRYING TO HOLD TOGETHER OUR SAFETY NET SYSTEM
22 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF USES FOR IT.
23 THANKS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I DID MY ADJOURNMENTS. I DON'T HAVE -- I DON'T
5 BELIEVE I HAVE ANY HELD ITEMS. LET ME LOOK THROUGH HERE.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR --

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I GUESS ON -- YOU HELD MY ITEM 73-A?

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, I DID. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS I'D LIKE
12 TO ASK OF THE C.A.O. ON 73-A, I JUST WANT TO ASK, I SEE
13 S.B.I.X. AND WE'VE HAD THIS BEFORE US BEFORE. IS THIS THE SAME
14 -- WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN S.B.1010, S.B.1.X. THAT WE
15 HAD BEFORE AND THIS ONE, AND I WANT TO ASK, AGAIN, DOES THIS
16 INCLUDE PREVAILING WAGES AS WELL AS WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND
17 DOES IT ALSO INVOLVE PREMIUMS BY TEMPORARY AGENCIES? BUT THE
18 ISSUE THAT I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT IS WHETHER OR NOT IT
19 AFFECTS OVERTIME AND PREVAILING WAGE. IS THAT ONE OF THE
20 THINGS THAT'S PUT IN ABEYANCE?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK THE DIFFERENCE BASICALLY 1010
23 IS ELIMINATION AND 1.X. IS SUSPENSION, TEMPORARY SUSPENSION
24 ALTHOUGH I THINK 1.X. DOES NOT INCLUDE FAMILY LEAVE.

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S CORRECT, IT DOES NOT INCLUDE FAMILY
2 LEAVE. THERE ARE -- ONE OF THE COMPLEXITIES IN COMING UP WITH
3 A RECOMMENDATION ON 1.X. IS IT INVOLVES SIX DIFFERENT BILLS,
4 ALL DEALING WITH DIFFERENT SUBJECTS, SOME OF WHICH THE BOARD
5 HAS TAKEN A PREVIOUS POSITION ON, SOME OF WHICH YOU HAVE NOT.
6 FOR EXAMPLE, A.B.-60 KNOX, 1999 BILL DEALS WITH TIME AND A
7 HALF OVERTIME PAY AFTER EIGHT HOURS OF DAILY WORK, PERSONAL
8 TIME OFF OF AN EMPLOYEE DURING A WORK WEEK, COMPENSATION. THE
9 BOARD OPPOSED THIS BILL UNTIL THE COUNTY WAS EXEMPTED FROM
10 COVERAGE, AT WHICH TIME WE REMOVED OUR OPPOSITION. SO IF THIS
11 HAD APPLIED TO US, WE WOULD HAVE OPPOSED IT. THE WAY IT'S
12 WRITTEN NOW, SINCE IT DOESN'T APPLY TO US, WHAT DOES THAT
13 MEAN? DO YOU TAKE AN OPPOSED OR DO YOU TAKE A SUPPORT? S.B.
14 975 AUERCONN DEALS WITH INCREASED REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT
15 COSTS RESULTING IN 80 MILLION DOLLAR COST TO PROJECTS PENDING
16 BEFORE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BY EXPANDING THE
17 DEFINITION OF PUBLIC WORK AND PUBLIC FUNDS TO INCLUDE MORE
18 PROJECTS UNDER PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT. THE COUNTY OPPOSED
19 THE BILL. HAVING -- ASSUMING THAT, THEN, WE WOULD SUPPORT
20 SUSPENDING THAT BILL. A.B. 749, CALDERON, THIS WAS A BIG ONE,
21 THIS WAS A WORKERS' COMP MAXIMUM INCREASE FOR TEMPORARY
22 DISABLED, PERMANENT DISABLED FROM 490 TO 840, OUR ESTIMATED
23 COST AT THE TIME TO THE COUNTY WAS 55 MILLION DOLLARS. WE
24 OPPOSED THE BILL, THEREFORE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND SUPPORTING
25 SUSPENSION OF THAT BILL. CHAPTER 298, GOLDBERG AND CORETTES,



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1 A.B. 2509, THIS MEASURE PERMITS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO
2 IMPOSE LABOR STANDARDS MORE STRINGENT THAN THOSE REQUIRED BY
3 STATE LAW. "D" IN FACT WOULD IMPACT LIVING WAGE ORDINANCES. WE
4 WOULD NOT SUPPORT SUSPENSION OF THAT CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS
5 BOARD ACTIONS. "E" IS A.B. 2816 SHELLY, REQUIRES TEMPORARY
6 AGENCY ENTERS INTO A CONTRACT WITH A LICENSED CONTRACTOR TO
7 PROVIDE LICENSED CONTRACTOR WITH SERVICES OF AN INDIVIDUAL,
8 TEMPORARY AGENCY MUST PAY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS FOR
9 THAT INDIVIDUAL BASED ON EXPERIENCE RATING OF THE CONTRACTOR.
10 THAT DID NOT AFFECT US, THE COUNTY DID NOT TAKE A POSITION ON
11 THE MEASURE. AND "F" AND "G" BOTH APPLY IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS
12 TO AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS AND AGRICULTURAL LABOR
13 ORGANIZATIONS, NEITHER OF WHICH AFFECT THE COUNTY. SO ON THOSE
14 LAST TWO, BURTON AND WES AND S.B. 1156, WES AND A.B. 2596, WE
15 WOULD NOT HAVE A POSITION, THEY DON'T IMPACT THE COUNTY. ON
16 KNOX, AUERCON, CALDERON, WE WOULD RECOMMEND SUPPORTING
17 SUSPENSION OF THOSE. GOLDBERG AND CORETTES, WE WOULD NOT
18 SUPPORT SUSPENSION, AND ON SHELLY, WHICH IS TEMPORARY
19 AGENCIES, IT DOESN'T IMPACT THE COUNTY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE A
20 POSITION. SO EACH OF THEM IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT -- LET ME JUST SAY, MY POSITION IS
23 THAT WHILE I CERTAINLY BELIEVE WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES
24 OF WORKMENS' COMPENSATION, I THINK WE HAVE TO ADDRESS IT IN
25 TERMS OF SOME OF THE FRAUD THAT OCCURS, SOME OF THE



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1 OVERUTILIZATION OF WORKMENS' COMPENSATION, THE AMOUNT A PERSON
2 RECEIVES FOR TEMPORARY COMPENSATION NEEDED TO BE UPDATED TO A
3 CERTAIN EXTENT. SO IN TERMS OF MY CONCERN ABOUT THAT, I DO NOT
4 SUPPORT SUSPENDING PREVAILING WAGE OR LIVING WAGE. I JUST WANT
5 TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT WHILE, AND AS FAR AS WORKMENS'
6 COMPENSATION, I THINK SOME OF THE THINGS WE NEED TO ADDRESS,
7 AND I WOULD BE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT AND I WOULD BE
8 SUPPORTIVE OF PERHAPS EVEN SUSPENDING SOME OF THOSE RULES
9 SINCE WE HAVE A BUDGET CRISIS, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS IS
10 THE TIME TO START SUSPENDING PREVAILING WAGE AND LIVING WAGE
11 BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE MADE THEIR WHOLE LIVES SURROUND THE AMOUNT
12 OF MONEY THEY RECEIVE IN THEIR PAYCHECK, AND ONCE WE START
13 CHANGING THAT, I GUESS -- I BELIEVE THAT IT REALLY HAS AN
14 IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS. IS THERE ANY OTHER COMMENT? IF NOT,
15 WE'LL CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** (INAUDIBLE).

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** 1.X.

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** (INAUDIBLE) .



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WAS THAT YEA? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YEA.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEA.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. THE MOTION PASSES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S THE ONLY ITEM THAT WAS HELD THAT I HAD.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BEFORE WE GO TO SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH, MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE UP -- WE'RE HOLDING THE 11:00
18 SPECIAL ITEM, WHICH IS S-1. COULD WE ASK DR. GARTHWAITE AND
19 HEALTH SERVICES... AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE ONLY HAVE A
20 FEW OTHER ITEMS, I'M GOING TO GO ON, AFTER WE HAVE THE 11:00,
21 AND CALL THE REST OF THE AGENDA BEFORE I GO TO THE 11:30
22 HEALTH AGENDA. WHILE DR. GARTHWAITE AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
23 ARE COMING FORWARD --

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME DO MY ADJOURNMENTS WHILE THEY'RE
2 COMING.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO YOUR
5 ADJOURNMENTS?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
8 FRANCISCO MARTINEZ FLORES WHO GRADUATED DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL AND
9 ONE OF THREE OF THE UNITED STATES MARINES WHO JUST RECENTLY
10 DIED IN IRAQ. MY DEPUTY JAY GOMEZ WAS WITH THE FAMILY EARLIER
11 THIS MORNING, AND I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
12 FRANCISCO'S PASSING. ALSO, RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
13 MARCUS KAUFMAN, WHO WAS ALSO SERVED ON THE -- AS A SUPERIOR
14 COURT JUDGE AND ON THE COURT OF APPEAL AFTER PRACTICING LAW
15 FOR 13 YEARS. HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE COURT OF APPEAL BY
16 GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN AND LATER TO THE SUPREME COURT BY
17 GOVERNOR DUEMACHIAN. HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND, HE WAS ACTIVE
18 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND A GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY
19 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW SCHOOL.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD I JOIN IN THAT? I WAS IN -- HE WAS IN
22 MY LAW SCHOOL CLASS AND A LONG-TIME FRIEND.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SENATOR DANIEL MOYNIHAN WHO PASSED AWAY, WHO
25 SERVED IN BOTH THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY,



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1 LYNDON JOHNSON, PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON AND GERALD FORD, WHERE
2 HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO INDIA AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS. I HAD
3 THE OPPORTUNITY OF APPEARING ON A PANEL WITH HIM, I BELIEVE IT
4 WAS THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY A FEW YEARS AGO, WHO WAS A
5 LEADING MEMBER OF THE SENATE. COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA CHURNIC,
6 WHO RETIRED FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT SERVING BETWEEN 1984 TO
7 '93 ON CIVIL CRIMINAL MATTERS. RACHEL MARIE PRAEDER OF -- A
8 LONG-TIME SOUTH GATE RESIDENT WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
10 AND VOLUNTEERED MANY HOURS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. DEWEY LARRY
11 SPAN, WHO WAS A DEVELOPER OF THE EXPOSITION PARK ROSE GARDEN
12 IN LOS ANGELES ZOO AND ALSO SERVED IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
13 PAUL LUKICH FROM LAVERNE, A MEMBER, ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
14 CROATIAN COMMUNITY AND UNDERGROUND CONTRACTOR AND ALSO DR.
15 BENOIT, OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DR. GARTHWAITE, MR. LEAF?

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19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR, AND
20 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE TO JUST GIVE YOU A BROAD
21 VIEW OF OUR C.H.P. PROGRAM. BASICALLY THE PROGRAM IS
22 FINANCIALLY STABLE. WE HAVE A TANGIBLE NET EQUITY OF
23 APPROXIMATELY 43 MILLION DOLLARS. WE HAVE SOME -- CONTINUE TO
24 HAVE SOME AUDITING AND DOCUMENTATION ISSUES WITHIN THE
25 DEPARTMENT SO THAT WHETHER THAT'S A COMPLETELY ACCURATE



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1 ASSESSMENT OF ITS NET EQUITY IS NOT COMPLETELY CERTAIN, BUT I
2 THINK WITHOUT DOUBT, WE CAN SAY THAT THE PLAN IS FINANCIALLY
3 HOLDING ITS OWN AND RETURNING SOME DOLLARS BACK TO THE
4 DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUED STABILITY OF THE SAFETY NET HERE IN
5 LOS ANGELES. WE CONTINUE TO EXPLORE OUTSOURCING, AND I THINK
6 THAT I'VE BEEN ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS
7 OF OUR PLAN TO OUTSOURCE PARTS OF WHAT WE DO IN C.H.P. AND I
8 WANT TO REASSURE THE BOARD THAT OUR PLAN HERE IS TO TAKE SOME
9 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS, AND ESPECIALLY SOME THINGS
10 INVOLVING COMPUTERIZATION, AUTOMATION AND THE HIRING OF
11 EMPLOYEES WITH SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE THAT WE'VE HAD TRADITIONALLY
12 DIFFICULTY IN THE COUNTY PERFORMING WELL AND MOVING THAT
13 OUTSIDE, BUT WE WILL RETAIN THE OVERSIGHT BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE
14 CONTROL AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF THE C.H.P. WITHIN THE
15 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO
16 EMPHASIZE THAT WE'RE VERY OPEN TO NEW USES AND NEW PRODUCT
17 LINES WITHIN C.H.P. AND ANTICIPATE EVEN IMPROVING OUR STAFFING
18 IN TERMS OF HAVING SOMEONE DEDICATED TO REALLY EXPLORE NEW
19 OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN C.H.P. AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THE NEXT
20 YEAR OR SO.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. FROM YOUR MARCH 11TH MEMO, THE BOARD STATED
25 THAT C.H.P. HAD A EXCESS TANGIBLE NET EQUITY OF SOME 38



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1 MILLION DOLLARS, AND THAT THESE MILLIONS WERE USED TO SUPPORT
2 OTHER OPERATIONS. WHAT WERE THOSE OPERATIONS?

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE HAD -- WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
5 MOVING A PORTION OF THAT MONEY BACK INTO THE DEPARTMENT TO
6 HELP BOLSTER AND MEET SOME OF THE DEFICIT ISSUES WITH REGARD
7 TO THE OPERATION OF OUR SAFETY NET SYSTEM.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I MEAN IF YOU USE SOME OF IT TO ENHANCE THE
10 INFRASTRUCTURE OF THIS PARTICULAR ENTITY, WOULD IT BE, YOU
11 KNOW, WOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO BRING IN AN OUTSIDE AGENCY TO
12 ADMINISTER IT? I MEAN, WHY WAS THE RATIONALE TO GO ONE WAY
13 VERSUS THE OTHER?

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK IT'S OUR BELIEF THAT OVER THE
16 YEARS, OUR ABILITIES TO PROCURE AND IMPLEMENT ADVANCED
17 INFORMATION SYSTEMS WHICH BECOME MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT IN
18 THE BILLING AND UTILIZATION REVIEW THAT'S NECESSARY IN RUNNING
19 A HEALTH PLAN HAVE NOT BEEN AS GOOD AS WE WOULD LIKE. L.A.
20 CARE ALREADY HAS THIS UP AND OPERATIONAL. IN ADDITION, AS PART
21 OF OUR SCENARIO THREE BUDGET PROJECTIONS, THEY WERE WILLING TO
22 TAKE ON A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THIS SORT OF AT THEIR
23 MARGINAL COSTS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A SAVINGS OF ORIGINALLY 8
24 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE THOUGHT WAS ALSO BENEFICIAL IN TRYING
25 TO FILL THE BUDGET GAP UNDER SCENARIO THREE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THE BUDGET SAVINGS STILL AT EIGHT MILLION?

3

4 **FRED LEAF:** WE WON'T HAVE THE FINAL FIGURE UNTIL WE COMPLETE
5 NEGOTIATIONS WITH L.A. CARE, WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED, I
6 HOPE, WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE
9 I SIT IN L.A. CARE?

10

11 **FRED LEAF:** YES, YOU PROBABLY SUPERVISOR, AS YOU KNOW, SINCE I
12 HAVE A CONFLICT, YOU PROBABLY KNOW BETTER THAN I DO WHAT THEY
13 REALLY ARE, BUT -- BUT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REACHING
14 CONCLUSION AND I'VE ASKED MR. CONN, THE C.E.O. AT L.A. CARE,
15 TO WRAP THIS UP BY APRIL 15TH.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL AS I UNDERSTAND HE HAS SOME QUESTIONS THAT
18 NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BY COUNTY COUNSEL AND OTHERS, AND I DON'T
19 KNOW WHERE -- ARE YOU GETTING THAT INFORMATION IN A TIMELY
20 MANNER? I MEAN, THIS THING'S BEEN GOING ON FOREVER.

21

22 **FRED LEAF:** THAT'S -- I MET WITH MR. CONN LAST WEEK AND
23 INDICATED -- AND WE AGREED THAT HE WOULD RESOLVE THOSE
24 QUESTIONS AND WE WOULD FINALIZE THIS MATTER BY APRIL 15TH.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THIS
2 TRANSFERRING, YOU ASSUME THAT THE ADMINISTRATION -- I MEAN,
3 WHEN -- TO TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATION C.H.P. THAT I WOULD
4 HOPE YOU EXPECT THE NUMBERS OF C.H.P. ENROLLEES TO INCREASE BY
5 HOW MUCH DO YOU EXPECT? I MEAN, WHAT IS YOUR TARGET FIGURES?
6 OR IS IT STRICTLY DOLLARS?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK TRANSFERRING ADMINISTRATIVE
9 FUNCTIONS IS NOT NECESSARILY TRANSLATING IN MY MIND TO
10 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ENROLLEES TO PERHAPS CONTROL AND EVEN
11 DECREASE THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR ADMINISTERING THE PLAN
12 TO THE CURRENT NUMBER OF ENROLLEES. WE'VE HAD A CONSISTENT
13 GROWTH IN C.H.P. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. I DON'T KNOW IF
14 I CAN TELL YOU --

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. WE'VE HAD A CONSISTENT GROWTH, BUT NOT
17 NEARLY THE NUMBERS WE EXPECTED. IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** AND ON A SEPARATE TRACK WITH L.A. CARE, THEY HAVE
20 IMPLEMENTED INTERNAL POLICIES WHICH HAVE CHANGED OR INCREASED
21 THEIR REFERRALS TO C.H.P. OVER AND ABOVE WHAT THEY HAVE IN THE
22 PAST, AND WE'VE EXPERIENCED A BIG INCREASE THIS YEAR. WE'RE UP
23 TO AROUND 150,000, I THINK, MEDI-CAL LIVES.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE OF THE L.A. CARE TRANSFER RIGHT?



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2 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT, YES, SUPERVISOR.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW I JUST HAVE - NO GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND THEN SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH AND THEN I DID HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I HAVE A SERIES OF QUESTIONS THAT
12 REALLY ARE DESIGNED TO FOCUS A LITTLE BIT ON WHAT I THINK HAS
13 BEEN A LOST OPPORTUNITY, AND TO THE EXTENT YOU CAN ANSWER THEM
14 TODAY, FINE. TO THE EXTENT YOU CAN'T, I THINK ON ALL OF THE
15 QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD TRY TO DEVELOP SOME ANSWERS FOR THE
16 BOARD AND ALSO EVEN SOME STRATEGIC PLANNING, BECAUSE I THINK
17 THE C.H.P. -- EITHER WE'RE IN THE HEALTH BUSINESS OR WE'RE NOT
18 IN THE HEALTH BUSINESS. THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN COULD BE A
19 VERY VALUABLE TOOL FOR US IN DELIVERING QUALITY HEALTHCARE
20 SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS IN THIS COUNTY. AND
21 IT'S BEEN ALMOST AS-- TO CALL IT AN AFTERTHOUGHT I THINK WOULD
22 BE AN OVERSTATEMENT, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. SO I WANT TO JUST
23 WALK YOU THROUGH A SERIES OF QUESTIONS. THE COMMUNITY HEALTH
24 PLAN HAS A MEMBERSHIP IN EXCESS OF 180,000 PEOPLE, AND IT
25 ACHIEVES A FUND BALANCE IN EXCESS OF 10 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR



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1 AND IT HAS AN OVERALL TANGIBLE NET EQUITY, I'M TOLD, OF 45
2 MILLION DOLLARS. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU PORTRAY A PROGRAM OF
3 MARGINAL PROGRAMMATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE VIABILITY. WHY HAS
4 THE DEPARTMENT NOT INVESTED ANY OR ALL OF ITS TANGIBLE NET
5 EQUITY TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN A HIGH-QUALITY
6 PROGRAM AND RATHER THAT WHAT YOU'VE DONE, WHICH IS DEFER ANY
7 EXPENDITURES IN THAT REGARD?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, I THINK I ANSWERED THAT
10 PARTIALLY. I THINK THAT THERE -- THAT PART OF WHAT WE NEED IS
11 BETTER AUTOMATION. WE THINK THAT BRINGING UP A NEW SYSTEM AS
12 OPPOSED TO HOOKING ON TO AN EXISTING SYSTEM WITH TRAINED
13 PERSONNEL WOULD TAKE LONGER AND BE MORE EXPENSIVE. I THINK WE
14 BEGAN ABOUT NOT QUITE A YEAR AGO WHEN WE LOOKED AT SCENARIO
15 THREE TO TRY TO SAVE SOME MONEY AND L.A. CARE WAS WILLING TO
16 TAKE ON SOME OF THESE ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS FOR -- WITHOUT A
17 LOT OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE, SO THERE WAS THE NET 8 MILLION
18 DOLLAR SAVINGS AND WE PURSUED THAT AS PART OF OUR SCENARIO
19 THREE. WE'VE HAD TRADITIONALLY SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH WHAT
20 WE'RE ABLE TO PAY THROUGH PERSONNEL SYSTEMS HERE TO HIRE IN A
21 FAIRLY COMPETITIVE MARKET FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE GOOD AT RUNNING
22 THESE SYSTEMS, AND ALL, YOU KNOW, THAT WE'VE BEEN -- AND I HAD
23 DIFFICULTY HIRING, KEEPING, AND MAINTAINING STAFF, SO THAT WAS
24 AN ISSUE FOR US AS WELL.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHY HAVE YOU HAD DIFFICULTY MAINTAINING
2 AND HIRING STAFF? MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T INVESTED IN
3 GETTING -- I MEAN, IT'S A CHICKEN-AND-EGG THING, ISN'T IT?

4

5 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, ACTUALLY, THE -- IF YOU LOOK AT THE -- THE
6 COMPETITIVE NATURE OF HEALTHCARE PLANS AND THE SALARIES THAT
7 ARE REQUIRED, BOTH FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM AND RECRUITMENT
8 CHALLENGES ARE SO SIGNIFICANT WITHIN THE COUNTY SYSTEM AND
9 PARTICULARLY IN THIS AREA, THAT'S ONE DIFFICULTY. THE OTHER
10 ONE IS IF WE -- THE OTHER MAJOR BASIS FOR HAVING NOT GONE
11 FORWARD THIS YEAR WITH A NEW C.H.P. IS BECAUSE OF THE
12 AVAILABILITY OF EXCESS CAPACITY IN THE AREAS THAT WE CURRENTLY
13 DON'T HAVE, PARTICULARLY IN THE I.T. AREA AT L.A. CARE. SO IF
14 L.A. CARE WORKS OUT, THEN THAT ALLOWS US TO MAINTAIN THE
15 BENEFITS OF HAVING THE C.H.P., ALL THE PROFITS WE JUST TALKED
16 -- SO-CALLED PROFITS WE JUST TALKED ABOUT, AND MAINTAIN ALL
17 THAT BENEFIT AND YET FARM OUT SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
18 FUNCTIONS AT MUCH LESSER COSTS WITHOUT GOING -- IN OTHER
19 WORDS, WE GET THE SAME PRODUCT AS IF WE DID INVEST INTERNALLY,
20 AND I THINK WE STILL HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WE'RE SPENDING QUITE A BIT OF MONEY OUT
23 OF THE C.H.P. NOW TOWARDS L.A. CARE. I MEAN, THEY'RE TAKING A
24 GOOD CHUNK OF OUR DOUGH FOR ADMINISTRATION ALREADY, ARE THEY
25 NOT, 10 MILLION A YEAR?



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2 **FRED LEAF:** SIX -- ABOUT SIX PERCENT, YEAH OF THE -- YES.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE'RE ABOUT TO GIVE THEM ANOTHER CHUNK
5 OF DOUGH TO CONTRACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM? IS
6 THAT RIGHT?

7

8 **FRED LEAF:** YES, BUT THAT WILL BE -- THEY WILL BE PERFORMING
9 THESE DUTIES AT A SIGNIFICANT LOSS IN TERMS OF THE COST VERSUS
10 THE --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WOULD BE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY
13 THAT WE WOULD BE PAYING -- THE C.H.P. WOULD BE PAYING L.A.
14 CARE? IS IT ABOUT 17 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR?

15

16 **FRED LEAF:** WE DON'T HAVE THAT FINAL FIGURE -- I DON'T HAVE
17 THAT FINAL FIGURE YET 'CAUSE WE HAVEN'T COMPLETED THE
18 NEGOTIATIONS, THERE'S A COUPLE OF SIGNIFICANT AREAS WE'RE
19 STILL DISCUSSING, THEY COULD CHANGE THAT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL THEY GET ABOUT 10 MILLION DOLLARS FROM
22 THE C.H.P. IN THE ROLES OF MANAGING THE LOCAL INITIATIVE
23 HEALTH PLAN. THEY'RE GOING TO RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY 7 MILLION
24 DOLLARS TO MANAGE THE C.H.P. WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF
25 CONTRACTING WITH L.A. CARE, JUST FOR THE RECORD, COMPARED TO



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1 UTILIZING ANY OF THE OTHER OPTIONS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO
2 US?

3

4 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, IT'S SIGNIFICANTLY CHEAPER THAN RUNNING IT
5 OURSELVES.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DO YOU KNOW? HAVE YOU CHECKED?

8

9 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, BASED ON WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO CHARGE US AND
10 ON WHAT WE SPEND CURRENTLY, IT IS -- THERE'S A DIFFERENTIAL OF
11 APPROXIMATELY -- RIGHT NOW WE'RE AT ABOUT FIVE MILLION. SO
12 THAT IS CHEAPER THAN WHAT WE'RE PAYING.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE AT FIVE MILLION...

15

16 **FRED LEAF:** SAVINGS, IF WE CONTRACT THIS OUT TO L.A. CARE, AND
17 IT MAY BE -- IT SHOULD BE MORE BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE WORKING
18 ON A COUPLE OF OTHER AREAS WHERE WE'RE GOING TO REDUCE THE
19 COSTS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR REPORT INDICATED THAT THE DOWNSIZING OF
22 THE DEPARTMENT, OF YOUR DEPARTMENT, AND ITS FACILITIES
23 REPRESENTS A BARRIER TO THE C.H.P.'S EXPANSION, AND YOU CITE
24 THE MEDICARE AREA IN PARTICULAR. THIS IS TRUE ONLY IF YOU RELY
25 SOLELY ON THE D.H.S. SERVICE SYSTEM AS A C.H.P. NETWORK. IF



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1 YOU EXPANDED THE C.H.P. NETWORK TO INCLUDE PRIVATE PROVIDERS,
2 SUCH AS COMMUNITY CLINICS AND NONPROFIT HOSPITALS, WOULDN'T
3 THIS ALLOW YOU TO COVER GREATER NUMBERS OF UNINSURED
4 REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING TO D.H.S. IN THE WAY OF
5 DOWNSIZING?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES, I THINK THAT'S TRUE, AND I THINK
8 WE'RE OPEN TO THAT, THAT ONE OF THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE IS THIS
9 IS THAT IF -- BECAUSE OF OUR HOSPITALS ARE SO BUSY AND BECAUSE
10 OF THE TREMENDOUS DEMAND FOR THE UNINSURED, THAT IT'S POSSIBLE
11 THAT IF WE OPEN IT UP TOO MUCH, THAT PATIENT -- THAT PEOPLE
12 COVERED BY C.H.P. WILL SEEK CARE OUTSIDE OF D.H.S. AND THEN
13 OUR PAYER MIX WITHIN D.H.S. BECAUSE THEY'LL BE IMMEDIATELY
14 BACKFILLED BY INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT INSURANCE, WILL DETERIORATE
15 FURTHER AND WORSEN OUR BUDGET SITUATION. BUT YOUR POINT ABOUT
16 COULD WE OFFER A MEDICARE PRODUCT AND HAVE SOME OF THOSE
17 SERVICES BE RENDERED BY CONTRACT PROVIDERS, ABSOLUTELY, I
18 THINK WE CAN DO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT
21 DOING A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE BEING FORCED TO DOWNSIZE
22 HOSPITALS, OR WE WOULD CONTRACT OUT FOR SERVICES, EXACTLY WHAT
23 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, WITH RANCHO WE WE'RE GOING TO CONTRACT
24 OUT FOR THE SERVICE, WHY WOULDN'T WE LEVERAGE THE RESOURCES



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1 AND THE ASSETS OF THE C.H.P. BY DOING THE SAME THING, AT MUCH
2 LESS, YOU KNOW, A POLITICAL TUMULT, TO PUT IT BLUNTLY?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS THAT WE'RE
5 INTERESTED IN PURSUING, AND I THINK WE'VE RECENTLY ADDED
6 MEMBERS TO THE SORT OF OVERSIGHTS STRATEGIC BOARD, OF C.H.P.,
7 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, WE'RE LOOKING AT ADDING ANOTHER STAFF
8 PERSON FULL TIME TO LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN C.H.P. I
9 THINK WHAT YOU HAVE HERE IS A DEPARTMENT THAT TRADITIONALLY
10 HAS BEEN A PROVIDER OF CARE AND HAS ONLY ON THE SIDE DONE --
11 THEY HAVE BEEN -- HAS BEEN A PAYER OR PLAN WITH REGARDS TO
12 CARE, AND I'M NOT SURE WE'VE INVESTED ENOUGH RESOURCE OR
13 LEADERSHIP RESOURCES AND ATTENTION TO THAT -- THAT PORTION OF
14 WHAT THE DEPARTMENT'S NOW DOING.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THE CURRENT PROGRAMMATIC AND FISCAL
17 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE C.H.P. AND L.A. CARE, PARTICULARLY IN
18 LIGHT OF L.A. CARE -- AND THE EXISTENCE WITHIN L.A. CARE OF
19 ITS OWN H.M.O.

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY I THINK THE
22 PRODUCT WHERE WE HAD -- WHERE THEY OPERATE A PLAN NETWORK IS
23 HEALTHY FAMILIES AND THEY'VE RECENTLY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO
24 BECOME SORT OF A SUBCONTRACTOR TO C.H.P. BEGINNING IN JULY AND



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1 WILL BE GIVING UP THEIR HEALTHY FAMILIES CONTRACT WITH THE
2 STATE. I THINK THAT'S OUR MAJOR AREA OF OVERLAP.

3

4 **FRED LEAF:** YES, THEY OPERATE IN NETWORK NOW BUT THEY DON'T
5 OPERATE AN ACTUAL H.M.O., THEY'VE SUBCONTRACTED TO US FOR
6 THAT. SO WE'RE SUB -- THEY'RE ONE OF OUR SUBCONTRACTORS
7 BEGINNING JULY FOR A HEALTHY FAMILY PROGRAM.

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** HEALTHY FAMILIES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HEALTHY FAMILIES -- IS THAT THE PROP 10
12 HEALTHY FAMILIES?

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** NO, NO, THAT'S --

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T THINK SO, 'CAUSE THAT'S HEALTHY
17 KIDS, YEAH.

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** VERSE FIVE YEAH.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** VERSE FIVE. THAT CONTRACT IS DIRECTLY WITH
22 PROP 10, I BELIEVE. NEGOTIATIONS WITH L.A. CARE I THINK WE'RE
23 TOLD HAVE EXTENDED MUCH LONGER THAN WAS ANTICIPATED. IF YOUR
24 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM REACH AN IMPASSE, WHAT'S YOUR



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1 CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM? THIS IS
2 FOR '03/'04.

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I BELIEVE OUR PLAN -- YEAH, WELL WE'RE
5 HOPEFUL THAT WE'LL MAKE PROGRESS BY APRIL 15TH, AS MR. LEAF
6 SAID, BUT I THINK INTERNALLY, WE'RE OPEN TO EITHER CONTINUING
7 THE PLAN INTERNALLY OR LOOKING AT CONTRACTING IT -- OR GOING
8 OUT WITH AN R.F.P., AND PROBABLY LEANING TOWARD THE R.F.P.
9 PROCESS.

10

11 **FRED LEAF:** OF COURSE WITHOUT THE L.A. CARE IN THE MIX, IT
12 TAKES OUT SOME OF THOSE THINGS WERE MOST APPEALING ABOUT
13 CONTRACTING OUT A C.H.P. PROGRAM, WHICH IS THAT IT'S ANOTHER
14 PUBLIC ENTITY WITH THE SAME GOALS AND MISSION -- SIMILAR GOALS
15 AND MISSIONS AS THE DEPARTMENT. L.A. COUNTY HAS -- CERTAINLY
16 HAS TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE IN TERMS OF THE FUTURE OF L.A. CARE,
17 WHEREAS IF YOU GO TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO CONTRACT THIS OUT,
18 YOU LOSE A LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN THE STABILITY OF THE
19 ORGANIZATION AND THE DIRECTION THOSE ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT TAKE,
20 SO I THINK WE'D HAVE TO -- WE WOULD WANT A R.F.P. I BELIEVE TO
21 FIND OUT WHAT'S OUT THERE, IF THIS DOESN'T WORK OUT, BUT I
22 THINK WE HAVE TO TAKE A LONG, HARD LOOK AT WHETHER THAT SHOULD
23 BE DONE OR NOT IN THAT CASE.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHETHER WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?



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2 **FRED LEAF:** CONTRACTING OUT OR IF WE SHOULD REEVALUATE THE
3 FUTURE L.A. CARE AS A DIRECTLY-OPERATED ENTITY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE C.H.P.?

6

7 **FRED LEAF:** I'M SORRY. MY MISTAKE, I'M TALKING C.H.P., THAT'S
8 WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT THE C.H.P.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT WOULD BE A POTENTIAL FUTURE FOR THE
11 C.H.P. IF THE NEGOTIATIONS FALL APART WITH L.A. CARE? JUST TO
12 SHUT IT DOWN AND FOLD IT INTO THE L.A. CARE?

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** NO.

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT'S NOT OUR INTENT. I THINK WE WANT
17 TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE C.H.P. TO -- AND TO ENHANCE ITS
18 INFRASTRUCTURE. AND I MEAN, THE REAL DECISION IS DO WE TRY TO
19 BRING IT BACK IN-HOUSE AND BUILD IT UP AS YOU SUGGESTED
20 WITHOUT THE FINANCIAL INCENTIVE GOING OUT, OR DO WE FIND THAT
21 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT -- WHOSE MAIN BUSINESSES ARE
22 RUNNING THAT ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF PLANS AND DO WE WANT TO
23 CONTRACT THAT OUT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF YOU DON'T GET THAT NEGOTIATION DONE IN
2 TIME FOR '03/'04, WHICH IS THREE MONTHS AWAY, HOW MUCH OF A
3 DELAY WILL THIS CREATE AND WHAT KIND OF A PROBLEM DOES IT
4 CREATE FOR YOU FOR THE C.H.P.?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IT CREATES RIGHT
7 NOW IS THAT BECAUSE OF THE PROTRACTED NATURE OF THE
8 NEGOTIATIONS, THAT IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT TO, YOU KNOW, ATTRACT
9 AND RETAIN STAFF, EVEN WORSE THAN IT WAS BEFORE WE STARTED THE
10 NEGOTIATIONS. SO WE NEED TO GET TO A RESOLUTION QUICKLY AND
11 THEN PUSH FORWARD, EITHER BUILDING BACK OUR STAFF OR GOING OUT
12 WITH AN R.F.P. QUICKLY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE C.H.P. IN
15 YOUR SHOP, IN THE DEPARTMENT?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** COLLEEN RODRIGUEZ.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I JUST THINK, THE BOTH OF YOU, THAT THIS
20 -- THE C.H.P. IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS -- FOR YOUR
21 DEPARTMENT AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR THE PEOPLE WHO -- FOR
22 OUR CLIENTS AND OUR POTENTIAL CLIENTS, WE'VE TALKED IN THE
23 PAST ABOUT THE HOME CARE WORKERS AND OTHER LOW-WAGE EARNERS IN
24 OUR COMMUNITY WHO WANT TO BE PART OF THE HEALTH PLAN. WE HAVE
25 AN OPPORTUNITY TO THE C.H.P. IF IT'S RUN RIGHT AND



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1 AGGRESSIVELY, TO PROVIDE THAT KIND OF HEALTH PLAN TO PEOPLE
2 WHO COULDN'T GET THE DECENT HEALTH PLAN OF ANY KIND UNDER ANY
3 OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT AS YOU INDICATED, KIND OF AS AN ASIDE
4 EARLIER, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE OUR CORE MISSION OF
5 PROVIDING CARE, DIRECTLY PROVIDING CARE, AMBULATORY AND
6 HOSPITAL CARE, THIS KIND OF ENDS UP BEING A SECONDARY OR
7 TERTIARY PRIORITY, AND IT'S NOT RIGHT. IT'S NOT RIGHT FOR US.
8 AND FOR THE CORROBORATION OF OUR DEPARTMENT AND FOR SERVICING
9 OUR CLIENTELE, AND IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY THAT'S BEING
10 SQUANDERED. THE REASON I BROUGHT THIS WHOLE ISSUE UP MONTHS
11 AGO, ASKING FOR A REPORT WHICH WE HAVE WAITED FOR FOR QUITE
12 SOME TIME, IS FOR THAT VERY REASON. WE SEE THIS, AND I HOPE
13 THE WHOLE BOARD DOES, AS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WE'RE NOT TAKING
14 ADVANTAGE OF, AND, YOU KNOW, WE TALK A LOT ABOUT LEVERAGE HERE
15 AND LEVERAGING OUR DOLLARS WITH STATE DOLLARS AND STATE
16 DOLLARS WITH FEDERAL DOLLARS AND -- BUT WE HAVEN'T TALKED A
17 LOT ABOUT LEVERAGING C.H.P. DOLLARS WITH L.A. CARE DOLLARS
18 WHICH COULD THEN BROADEN THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
19 DELIVERY TO OUR CURRENT AND EVEN GROWING CLIENTELE. AND I
20 THINK WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO WALK AND CHEW GUM AT THE SAME
21 TIME, WE'VE GOT TO BE ABLE TO BE DIRECT PROVIDERS AND TO RUN
22 THIS HEALTH PLAN. IF WE CAN'T DO IT, THEN LET'S GET OUT OF THE
23 HEALTH PLAN BUSINESS OR LET'S GET OUT OF THE DIRECT CARE
24 BUSINESS. I THINK WE -- WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, WE HAVE TO DO
25 BOTH AND WE HAVE TO DO BOTH WELL.



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WE AGREE, AND THAT'S WHY I SAID
3 WE'VE ADDED MEMBERS TO THE OVERSIGHT BOARD AND ARE LOOKING AT
4 ADDING ADDITIONAL STAFF THAT REALLY CAN FULL-TIME PURSUE NEW
5 OPPORTUNITIES SO.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE OTHER THING, TOM, IS I DON'T THINK YOU
8 CAN WAIT FOR AUTOMATION. I MEAN, AUTOMATION'S NOT AN EXCUSE
9 FOR EVERYTHING. PEOPLE STILL MAKING A LOT OF -- DOING FINE AS
10 THEY'RE TRANSITIONING INTO AUTOMATION, SOME OF US ARE SLOWER
11 THAN OTHERS, BUT IF YOU WAIT UNTIL THE SYSTEM GETS TO BE THE
12 LEVEL OF AUTOMATION, COMPUTERIZATION THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR,
13 YOU'RE GOING TO WAIT UNTIL THE SECOND COMING, AND CONTRARY TO
14 OUR CLERGY, IT'S GOING TO BE A WHILE. WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND
15 OF TIME TO WAIT. SO I WOULD REALLY -- REALLY ENCOURAGE THAT WE
16 START DOING THINGS ON PARALLEL TRACTS AND IF YOU NEED TO
17 ENHANCE, YOU KNOW, AND DEEPEN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP IN
18 THIS ONE FIELD, DO IT. THERE'S A TON OF MONEY SITTING THERE
19 THAT WE'RE NOT EXPLOITING TO ITS -- TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE
20 EXTENT IN THE INTERESTS OF OUR CLIENTELE, AND IT JUST TICKS ME
21 OFF TO SEE THIS HAPPENING. ANYWAY, I WON'T REPEAT MYSELF.
22 MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO, FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE A
25 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE NEGOTIATING WITH



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1 L.A. CARE. WE'RE NEGOTIATING WITH L.A. CARE TO TAKE OVER ALSO
2 THE G.R. AS WELL AS THE HOME HEALTHCARE PORTION OF THAT
3 C.H.P., OR IS IT JUST THE PORTION THAT COMES THROUGH THE STATE
4 IN TERMS OF THOSE LIVES?

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** THEY -- L.A. CARE WOULD BE ASSUMING THE
7 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS FOR ALL OF THE PRODUCT LINES.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, WHAT OUTSIDE HOSPITALS, OTHER THAN THE
10 HOSPITALS THAT ARE COUNTY HOSPITALS DO WE PRESENTLY HAVE
11 CONTRACTS WITH FROM C.H.P., OR DO WE HAVE ANY? WHICH ONES ARE
12 THOSE?

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** YES, WE DO, AND I DON'T HAVE A LIST OF THEM RIGHT,
15 I DON'T HAVE A LIST OF THEM RIGHT HERE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS, WE
18 CAN TALK ALL WE WANT ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE MORE MONEY,
19 BUT ONE WAY YOU MAKE MORE MONEY IS IF YOU GET THOSE PEOPLE IN
20 C.H.P., YOU'RE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEM. WHEN I LOOK AT THE
21 NUMBERS FOR C.H.P., THERE'S A TREMENDOUS TURNOVER. PEOPLE COME
22 IN BUT THEY GO OUT. NOW, WHAT ARE YOUR TURNOVER NUMBERS RIGHT
23 NOW? AND THE REASON THEY, OF COURSE THEY TURN OVER IS BECAUSE
24 THEY DECIDE THEY WANT TO GO TO A MAIN -- A HOSPITAL OTHER THAN
25 A COUNTY HOSPITAL AND WE DON'T HAVE A CONTRACT, AND THAT'S



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1 BEEN THE AREA THAT I'VE HAD A GREAT CONCERN. I DON'T SEE HOW
2 YOU MAINTAIN AND YOU MAKE ALL THIS MONEY UNLESS YOU CAN HOLD
3 THE PEOPLE WHO COME IN, AND IF YOU HAVE THE CONTRACTS, SO THAT
4 THOSE WHO DO NOT NECESSARILY WANT TO GO TO THE COUNTY HOSPITAL
5 CAN GO TO THOSE OTHER HOSPITALS. WHICH HOSPITALS DO WE HAVE?

6

7 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH. I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR, I DON'T HAVE A LIST OF
8 THEM RIGHT HERE OF THE HOSPITALS WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH, BUT
9 WE DO HAVE SEVERAL OUT OF -- IN THE AREAS WE DON'T HAVE
10 COVERAGE, PARTICULARLY, ACCORDING TO THE SCHEME REQUIREMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE AREAS -- IF IT'S TEN MILES OUTSIDE OF
13 ONE OF OUR HOSPITALS, THEN WE SHOULD HAVE -- WE'RE SUPPOSED TO
14 HAVE A CONTRACT WITH OUTSIDE HOSPITAL.

15

16 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT, AND WE DO, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE LIST. I'M
17 SORRY.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW MUCH TURNOVER ARE WE HAVING NOW?

20

21 **FRED LEAF:** WE HAVE ABOUT A DEFAULT OF ABOUT -- OKAY. I CAN'T
22 TELL. I'LL GET BACK TO YOU WITH THAT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BECAUSE THAT'S THE CRUX. I MEAN, GETTING
25 PEOPLE REFERRED IN MEANS NOTHING UNLESS THEY STAY, YOU KNOW



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1 WHAT I MEAN, YOU CAN DO ALL THE TALKING TO HAVE ALL THE
2 TECHNICAL ABILITY, BUT YOU HAVE TO MAINTAIN THE PEOPLE, AND
3 WHEN I LOOKED AT THE LAST NUMBERS, THEY WERE -- THE OTHER
4 H.M.O., WHICH C.H.P. REALLY IS, THAT HAD NUMBERS SIGNIFICANTLY
5 SIMILAR TO C.H.P., HAS NOW SINCE GONE OUT OF BUSINESS, AND
6 THAT WAS -- SO I WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT THOSE
7 TURNOVER NUMBERS ARE AND HOW WE'RE KEEPING THE PEOPLE ONCE
8 THEY GET ASSIGNED TO US, BECAUSE THAT, TO ME, IS PART OF THE
9 REAL CORE OF THE ISSUE. NOW, AS FAR AS L.A. CARE, AND I DO
10 BELIEVE THE TECHNOLOGY, I DON'T SEE HOW YOU COMPETE WITH THE
11 OTHER H.M.O.S UNLESS YOU CAN GET OUT THE BILLS AND PAY THE
12 PEOPLE, PAY THE PROVIDERS. YOU HAVE TO PAY THEM ON TIME OR
13 ELSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAINTAIN OUTSIDE PROVIDERS, YOU'RE
14 GOING TO HAVE TO GET THE BILLS IN OR ELSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
15 BE ABLE TO QUALIFY WITH THE STATE, AND YOU HAVE SO MANY
16 PROBLEMS, BUT I DO HOPE THAT YOU CAN MOVE FORWARD AND GET THIS
17 CONTRACT WITH L.A. CARE, BECAUSE ANYONE ELSE, YOU HAVE AN OLD
18 ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE COMPETING WITH THEM, AND YOU'RE
19 COMPETING WITH L.A. CARE ON HEALTHY FAMILIES AS IT IS. RIGHT?

20

21 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, NOT NOW. THEY'VE --

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY'RE PULLING OUT?

24



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1 **FRED LEAF:** YES, AND SO THEY'LL BECOME A SUBCON, THE NETWORK
2 WILL BE SUBCONTRACTED BY US.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY'LL BE A SUBCONTRACTOR TO US ONCE WE
5 HAVE THE CONTRACT.

6

7 **FRED LEAF:** NO THE -- THAT CONTRACT'S ALREADY BEEN APPROVED,
8 THE HEALTHY FAMILY SUBCONTRACT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S GOOD, SO WE ARE NOT IN COMPETITION
11 WITH THEM AS IT RELATES TO HEALTHY FAMILIES?

12

13 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT, RIGHT, AND YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR, THAT
14 ONE OF -- THE WAY YOU REALLY MAKE MONEY IN THE C.H.P. BUSINESS
15 IS IF YOU -- THE PEOPLE WHO ARE COVERED ARE ACTUALLY ALREADY
16 IN YOUR SYSTEM. THAT'S A REALLY GOOD SITUATION, AND THEN THE
17 OTHER WAY WOULD BE IF YOU CAN ACTUALLY NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS
18 WITH PRIVATE PROVIDERS AND ASSIGN -- TO WHOM THEY'RE ASSIGNED
19 AND ACTUALLY MAKE MONEY ON THAT DEAL ALSO.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'RE CONTINUING TO TRY TO GET THOSE
22 CONTRACTS?

23

24 **FRED LEAF:** YES.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHICH HOSPITALS YOU
2 HAVE THE CONTRACTS WITH.

3

4 **FRED LEAF:** YES I WILL GET THOSE FOR YOU, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ALSO, I WANT TO SEE THE TURNOVER
7 NUMBERS. I KNOW IN L.A. CARE YOU GET THOSE TURNOVER NUMBERS
8 EVERY MONTH, BUT WE DON'T GET THEM, WE DON'T SEE THEM.

9

10 **FRED LEAF:** YES, THEY'VE -- THEY'VE -- IT'S REDUCED SLIGHTLY,
11 BUT IT IS STILL FAIRLY HIGH, WE LOSE THEM AT A HIGHER RATE
12 THAN WE WOULD LIKE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW LONG DO THEY HAVE TO STAY AFTER THEY'RE
15 ASSIGNED? IS IT 30 DAYS?

16

17 **FRED LEAF:** I THINK IT'S A LITTLE LONGER THAN THAT, BUT I'LL
18 GET THAT TO YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, ALL RIGHT, YES, SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION. WHY DID YOU NOT HAVE AN R.F.P.
24 INSTEAD OF JUST CONTRACTING WITH L.A. CARE?

25



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** BECAUSE I THINK THE ISSUES WE'VE TALKED
2 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT AND THAT WE THOUGHT WE COULD ARRANGE IT SO
3 THAT WE WOULDN'T BE COMPETING WITH L.A. CARE BECAUSE THEY HAD
4 A UNIQUE PUBLIC MISSION AND BECAUSE THEY WERE WILLING TO TAKE
5 ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS THAT -- WITHOUT AN ADDITIONAL --

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THAT'S AN ASSUMPTION THAT YOU MADE INTO A
8 FACT. IF YOU HAD AN R.F.P., YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN IF THERE WERE
9 OTHER PROVIDERS WHO HAVE HAD ANOTHER APPROACH AND MAYBE THERE
10 WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN, I MEAN BUT WOULDN'T YOU RATHER HAVE HAD
11 THE OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING ALL THE CARDS ON THE TABLE TO MAKE A
12 GOOD SELECTION AND PREJUDGING?

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, THE -- THE -- WHEN WE ENTERED
15 INTO THIS DISCUSSION, WE HAD SOME BENCHMARKS UPON WHICH WE
16 BASED OUR DETERMINATION THAT THEY WOULD DO IT AT A COST THAT
17 WAS SO SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW AND AT SUCH A LOSS THAT THERE WOULD
18 NOT BE ANY REAL WAY ONE COULD COMPETE WITH THIS SITUATION. WE
19 COMPARED TO THOSE WITH BENCHMARKS AND THEY WERE IN FACT MUCH
20 LOWER THAN THE AVERAGE COST PER MEMBER PER MONTH.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOUR BENCHMARKS WERE PROJECTIONS.

23

24 **FRED LEAF:** WELL NO THEY WERE ACTUAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
25 MANAGING CLIENTS BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, BUT IT COULD HAVE -- AN R.F.P. COULD
3 HAVE VALIDATED THAT ASSUMPTION WITH L.A. CARE OR IT COULD HAVE
4 PROVIDED ANOTHER VENDOR FROM COMING IN.

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** I THINK PROBABLY THE OVERRIDING FACTOR WAS -- IN
7 MAKING THIS DECISION WAS THE FACT THAT THE L.A. CARE IS
8 ANOTHER PUBLIC ENTITY AND -- WITH SIMILAR MISSIONS AND GOALS
9 AND STABILITY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO BUT THERE ARE PRIVATE HEALTH CENTERS
12 OPENING UP ALL AROUND, RIGHT NOW IN MY DISTRICT AND IN OTHER
13 DISTRICTS THAT ALSO HAVE A GOAL OF PROVIDING CARE, AND IT
14 WOULD JUST SEEM TO ME IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTH THE WHILE TO
15 HAVE AN R.F.P. TO SEE IF ANYBODY WOULD'VE COME FORWARD, AND IF
16 NOT, THEN GO WITH L.A. CARE. BUT YOUR REPORT INDICATES THAT
17 L.A. CARE WOULD ALLOCATE 2.3 MILLION DOLLARS. WILL THEY
18 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FUTURE YEARS?

19

20 **FRED LEAF:** YES, THEIR COMMITMENT IS A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND TO STRENGTHEN THE ADMINISTRATION OF
23 C.H.P. WOULD REQUIRE AN INVESTMENT OF NEW FUNDS FOR
24 INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT?

25



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1 **FRED LEAF:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

2

3 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, AND CONTINUED COSTS, MANY OF
4 WHICH WILL BE TRANSFERRED WITHOUT DOLLARS TO L.A. CARE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO L.A. CARE WILL PROVIDE FUNDING, OR WILL
7 D.H.S. BE EXPECTED TO FUND THESE IMPROVEMENTS?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL I THINK WE CURRENTLY BELIEVE
10 THERE'S SOMEWHERE BETWEEN FIVE AND 8 MILLION DOLLARS SAVINGS
11 NET ONCE WE FINISH THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS TO L.A. COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WILL PAY THOSE COSTS?

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WHATEVER WE PAY VERSUS WHAT WE'RE
16 CURRENTLY PAYING WILL BE -- WHAT WE WILL PAY COMPARED TO WHAT
17 WE'RE PAYING WILL BE 5 TO 8 MILLION DOLLARS LESS.

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE SYSTEM WE GET
20 WILL BE THAT SYSTEM WE WOULD LIKE TO -- WE'D HAVE TO INVEST IN
21 --

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WILL L.A. CARE BE PROVIDING THAT FUNDING
24 OR WILL OUR DEPARTMENT?

25



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1 **FRED LEAF:** NO, THEY CURRENTLY HAVE CAPACITY WITHIN THEIR
2 CURRENT I.T. SYSTEMS TO MANAGE THE MEMBER SERVICES PAYMENT
3 PROCESSING AND SO ON. THEY WILL HAVE TO OF COURSE HIRE
4 ADDITIONAL STAFF, MANY OF WHICH WILL BE STAFFED FROM THE
5 C.H.P.

6
7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE L.A. CARE STIPULATE ANY LANGUAGE
8 ABOUT L.A. CARE'S FUTURE FUNDING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
9 FUNCTIONS?

10

11 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, IT WILL BE A CONTRACT WITH AN INTENDED LONG-
12 TERM RELATIONSHIP, BUT IT WILL CERTAINLY HAVE, AS ALL OUR
13 CONTRACTS DO, CANCELLATION CLAUSES THAT -- ON BOTH SIDES THAT
14 CAN BE EXERCISED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF L.A. CARE FAILS TO OVERSEE THE C.H.P.'S
17 ADMINISTRATION, THERE ARE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE SO
18 WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT DO THEN?

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES, THEY
21 MAY COST MORE BUT I THINK THERE WOULD BE -- THERE ARE OTHER
22 COMPANIES WHO CAN ADMINISTER CLAIMS SO THE ADMINISTRATIVE
23 PROCESSING OF CLAIM DATA, WHICH IS REALLY ALL WE'RE TALKING
24 ABOUT, AND THAT'S PROVISION OF CARE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE
25 PROCESSING OF CLAIM DATA IS SOMETHING THAT THERE ARE OTHER



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1 COMPANIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE, I MEAN WE WOULD LOSE THAT 5 TO 8
2 MILLION DOLLAR DIFFERENCE BECAUSE WE'D END UP PAYING THE GOING
3 RATE, WHICH WILL BE SOMETHING GREATER THAN THAT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN PRIOR YEARS THE C.H.P. GENERATED REVENUES
6 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES AND IT STILL WILL.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY STILL WILL. HAS THERE BEEN ANY HINDERING
11 OF THE DEPARTMENT BEING ABLE TO GENERATE REVENUES THROUGH ITS
12 C.H.P.?

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO I THINK IT, IT IDEALLY SHOULD
15 ENHANCE IT. NOT ONLY WILL WE HAVE THIS 5 TO 8 MILLION DOLLAR
16 SAVINGS BUT WE'LL ALSO PRESUMABLY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF A
17 FAIRLY WELL-OILED MACHINE IN TERMS OF GETTING BILLS PROCESSED
18 AND OUT, THEY HAVE ALREADY AUTOMATED PROCESSES WHICH I THINK
19 WE LACK AND STAFF THAT IS WELL-TRAINED IN USING THOSE SO.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW IS THE DEPARTMENT GOING TO MONITOR AND
22 TRACK PATIENTS IN THE SYSTEM?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL WE'LL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN
25 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT THAT WILL DO THE



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1 OVER-SIGHT AND MONITORING PORTION OF THAT AND THEY'LL REPORT
2 ON A REGULAR BASIS BACK TO OUR -- TO AN INTERNAL BOARD THAT
3 REVIEWS THIS.

4

5 **FRED LEAF:** AND THIS REMAINS A COUNTY, I MEAN WE ARE KEEPING
6 THE C.H.P. LICENSE, WE ARE RUNNING THE BUSINESS IN ESSENCE,
7 THEY ARE MERELY PERFORMING SOME OF THE TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH
8 RUNNING THAT BUSINESS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE KNOX-KEEN LICENSE WILL NOT BE
11 JEOPARDIZED?

12

13 **FRED LEAF:** NO IT WILL NOT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE STATE HAS GIVEN US THAT GUARANTEE?

16

17 **FRED LEAF:** NO THE MATERIAL MODIFICATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO
18 THE STATE ONCE WE STRIKE AN AGREEMENT WITH L.A. CARE. BUT
19 THERE ARE TWO OUTCOMES HERE, EITHER THEY APPROVE IT OR THEY
20 DON'T AND BY NOT APPROVING IT THEY DON'T TAKE YOUR LICENSE
21 AWAY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD HAVE FELT MORE COMFORTABLE HAD YOU
24 DONE A R.F.P. AND SEE WHAT WAS OUT THERE, PUTTING A LOT OF
25 FAITH IN A VENDOR THAT NOW HAS THE ABILITY TO MAKE COMMITMENTS



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1 THAT YOU ARE NOT ANTICIPATING THEM TO MAKE RELATIVE TO FUNDING
2 AND CARRYING OUT THIS PROGRAM. AND YOU LOCKED YOURSELF IN A
3 BOX.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND THE C.H.P. WHEN I
8 FIRST CAME HERE I WANTED TO KILL THIS PROGRAM OFF, BECAUSE I
9 DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS AND I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE
10 FINANCIAL BENEFIT, IF ANY, TO US. I'M STILL NOT SURE I DO. BUT
11 DURING HEALTHY FAMILIES, I WONDERED -- I SAW A REAL
12 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO BENEFIT AND AT C.H.P. TO
13 BENEFIT, AND I'M NOT SO SURE THAT WE HAVE. THE QUESTION THAT
14 MS. BURKE ASKED ABOUT HOW WE ENROLL THEM AND THEN THEY COME
15 OFF -- BECAUSE WE'RE JUST NOT COMPETITIVE IN KEEPING THEM --
16 CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM. AND IN ALL THE YEARS THAT HEALTHY
17 FAMILY HAS BEEN THERE, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE WE'RE DOING
18 ANYTHING SO WE CAN GET NEW ENROLLEES OR GET NEW CONTRACTS, BUT
19 IF WE CAN'T KEEP THEM IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ANYBODY.
20 YOU'RE AGREEING WITH THAT?

21

22 **FRED LEAF:** NO, I'M LOOKING, I WAS JUST TRYING TO FIND --

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I MEAN THE ONLY VALUE --

25



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1 **FRED LEAF:** NO I WAS -- I THINK YOUR SCENARIO'S CORRECT, THAT'S
2 A BAD THING, WE HAVE IMPROVED THE --

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT'S BEEN A BAD THING FOR FIVE YEARS.

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** YES IT HAS, BUT WE'VE IMPROVED OUR --

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE MAKE MONEY.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ISN'T IT AMAZING WE MAKE MONEY EVEN THOUGH WE'RE
11 LOSING ALL OF THESE PATIENTS?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, WE HAVEN'T THAT MONTH.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH RIGHT, FOR A MONTH, BUT THE ISSUE -- CAN YOU
16 IMAGINE THE MONEY IF WE KEPT THEM?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK, YOU KNOW, IT'S A FUNDAMENTAL
19 CONUNDRUM OF RUNNING THE SAFETY NET HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, WHERE
20 WE'RE TARGETING AND I THINK --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I KNOW, BUT THEY -- BUT TOM, WHEN I GOT HERE
23 TEN YEARS AGO, IF THEY WOULD PUT SOMEBODY IN CHARGE FROM THE
24 VERY BEGINNING, WOULD RUN IT LIKE A BUSINESS, SEPARATE AND
25 APART, THEY'RE NOT JUST EVERY SINGLE TIME THIS IS NOT PUT ON A



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1 PRIORITY. YEARS AGO WHEN WE WENT THROUGH A FINANCIAL STRAIN WE
2 ASKED CO THE COUNTY OFFER THE C.H.P. TO IT'S OWN COUNTY
3 EMPLOYEES, AS AN OPTION. AT THAT TIME OF COURSE THE UNIONS
4 FOUGHT IT, THEY DID NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN. WELL NOW IT MIGHT
5 BE A VERY DESIRABLE OPTION, CONSIDERING HOW HIGH THE CO-PAYS
6 ARE GOING, AND OTHER KINDS OF OPTIONS. IT EVEN MIGHT BE
7 SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BE OFFERED TO EMPLOYERS, LIKE RIGHT NOW
8 THE JANITORS ARE HAVING THEIR PROBLEMS IN WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE
9 RENEGING ON CONTRACTS ABOUT COVERAGE. AND THIS IS AN OPTION
10 AVAILABLE. WE HAVE A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN PLACE. NOW, IT IS
11 OVERBURDENED BY PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY, BUT THE
12 REALITY IS, WE DON'T SEEM TO ALWAYS -- WHEN WE DO HAVE PEOPLE
13 WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO PAY AND THE ABILITY TO HAVE COVERAGE,
14 WE CAN'T HOLD ONTO THOSE FOLKS. NOW I THOUGHT THIS REPORT WAS
15 GOING TO HAVE MORE OF THAT KIND OF CONTENT. IT DOESN'T SEEM TO
16 HAVE A FUTURE, C.H.P., YET, YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOW GOING TO GET
17 RID OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT OF IT, BECAUSE WE DON'T
18 DO THAT WELL, OKAY. BUT I'M STILL CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER IN
19 FACT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE EVEN AN INFRASTRUCTURE TO OFFER THIS.
20 YOU KNOW, AS I HAVE ASKED -- AND THE UNIONS ARE LOOKING AT IT
21 NOW, THEY'RE NOT AS NEGATIVE ABOUT IT. IF IN FACT THEY COULD
22 HAVE A PROGRAM THAT WOULD WORK THEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN
23 COVERING IT. WE HAVE THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOLKS,
24 WHICH AREN'T -- SEEM TO BE STAYING ON OR ENROLLING, WE HAVE
25 SOME FOLKS, I GUESS -- [INAUDIBLE].



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** HUH, HOW MANY?

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** 8,000, WE HAVE 8,000 ENROLLED, BY
5 I.H.S.S. IT'S VERY SUCCESSFUL.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAVE 8,000 ENROLLED? ARE THEY CALLED -- AND
8 THE TEMPORARY COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT'S --

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO, THIS IS PART OF THE AGREEMENT WE
11 HAD WITH IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO USE
12 OUR SYSTEM.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHERE DID THE TEMPORARY AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES
15 COME --

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THOSE ARE LIBRARY I THINK, THOSE ARE
18 PRIMARILY LIBRARY ASSISTANTS, THAT'S MY GUESS, IS THAT GROUP,
19 BECAUSE WE DID THEIR HEALTH BENEFITS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ONLY HAVE 28 OF THOSE PEOPLE LEFT.

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH I THINK THOSE ARE LIBRARY
24 ASSISTANTS.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHERE DID THEY GO?

2

3 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I ASSUME THEY WEREN'T REQUIRED TO COME
4 TO OUR SYSTEM LIKE I.H.S.S. SO I PRESUME THEY WENT TO OTHER
5 SYSTEMS YES.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO BUT I'M CONCERNED IS THAT WE JUST DON'T HAVE
8 IN PLACE A MECHANISM TO MAKE MONEY, TO LEVERAGE THE DOLLARS AS
9 IT'S SAID. MY CONCERN IS ON HEALTHY FAMILIES, AND I'VE ASKED
10 YOU THIS TOM BEFORE, 'CAUSE I STILL DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER AND
11 I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, I KNOW MANY A FAMILY WHO IS ENROLLED IN
12 HEALTHY FAMILIES AND THEY'RE ENROLLED AND THEN SOMEWHERE ALONG
13 THE LINE THEY EITHER STOP PAYING THE CO-PAY OR THEY DON'T KNOW
14 -- THEY LOSE TRACK OF HOW TO GET THEIR HEALTHCARE. ARE THESE
15 TRACKED AT ALL, DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE
16 FAMILIES, DO THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH RE-ENROLLMENT AGAIN,
17 'CAUSE I HAVE A FEELING THAT THE STATE IS PAYING THE PROVIDER
18 WHETHER IT BE BLUE CROSS OR WHOEVER IT IS AND WE'RE ENDING UP
19 PROVIDING THE CARE FOR THEIR KIDS, BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY THEY
20 KNOW HOW TO GET THEIR KIDS IS IF BLUE CROSS IS ONLY AVAILABLE
21 BETWEEN 9:00 AND 5:00, RIGHT, AND THEY WORK 40 TO 60 HOURS A
22 WEEK AND THEIR KID IS SICK THEY'RE GOING TO RUN IN THROUGH THE
23 -- OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS, IT WOULD SEEM LIKE.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BLUE CROSS HAS TO PAY US.



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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF YOU KNOW. IF YOU KNOW!

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHEN THEY COME IN, THEY HAVE TO GO
5 THROUGH ADMITTANCE PROCEDURE --.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, NOW DO ME THIS, HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE PAID?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU FILE THE CLAIM FOR THE MONEY, AND
10 THAT'S WHERE THOSE COMPUTERS COME IN.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, TELL ME HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU COLLECTED
13 FROM IN HEALTHY FAMILIES?

14

15 **FRED LEAF:** WELL WE HAVE 25,000 MEMBERS IN C.H.P.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NO, NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT A PERSON THAT
18 WALKED INTO AN EMERGENCY ROOM THAT IS A HEALTHY FAMILY. HOW
19 MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU COLLECTED FROM?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'LL HAVE TO GET YOU THAT DATA. I KNOW
22 45% OF ALL THE PEOPLE WE SEE ARE MEDI-CAL, WHEN WE'RE FINISHED
23 WITH THEM, THEY -- WHEN THEY COME IN WE IDENTIFY 30% SO, WE
24 HAVE THIS EXTENSIVE PROCESS TO TAKE EVERYONE WHO WALKS IN AND
25 DETERMINE WHETHER THEY'RE ELIGIBLE OR ALREADY ENROLLED IN



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1 MEDI-CAL AND WHETHER WE CAN BILL MEDI-CAL. SO WE GO FROM 30%
2 THE DAY THEY WALK IN TO ANY OF OUR INPATIENT FACILITIES TO
3 45%. BUT WE'LL ASK TO LOOK SPECIFICALLY AT THE MEDI-CAL DATA
4 AND GET THAT RIGHT BACK TO YOU.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SEE I THINK THIS IS THE DATA WE NEED, AND I
7 REALLY THINK THAT YOU NEED TO GET US CLOSER. I KNOW WE'RE
8 ALWAYS ORDERING COMPUTER SYSTEMS AROUND HERE AND HOW FAR WE
9 ARE BUT IF WE'RE NOT, IF WE CAN'T CAPTURE THIS -- BECAUSE
10 HEALTHY KIDS IS A WHOLE PROGRAM, RIGHT, IN WHICH THE PROP 10
11 DOLLARS ARE GOING TO GO IN TO HELP ENROLL MANY OF THESE
12 FAMILIES AND KIDS INTO HEALTHY FAMILIES, CALLED HEALTHY KIDS.
13 AND I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW THAT'S WORKING, WHETHER THEY'RE
14 GOING TO PAY THE SUBSIDY OR I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS
15 EXACTLY. BUT THE POINT IS THAT IF THEIR PARENTS ARE OUR
16 PATIENTS, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET COVERED UNDER THIS
17 SYSTEM, JUST THE WAY IN MANY INSTANCES WITH HEALTHY FAMILIES,
18 THE KIDS ARE ONLY COVERED, THE PARENTS ARE NOT, I WOULD ASSUME
19 THAT PARENTS ARE GOING TO TAKE THEIR KIDS WHERE THE PARENTS
20 ARE COVERED, THAT'S MY ASSUMPTION. DO YOU THINK THAT'S
21 INCORRECT?

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23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, I THINK THAT'S LARGELY TRUE,
24 ALTHOUGH I THINK WITH PEDIATRICS, NATIONALLY THE TREND IS
25 TOWARDS LOCAL -- LOCAL CARE FOR SIMPLE THINGS, BUT THEN A



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1 SINGLE MORE -- A SINGLE PROVIDER IN TERMS OF IN-PATIENT CARE
2 FOR PEDIATRICS OR A LARGE NUMBER OF --

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY? I LOST YOU SOMEWHERE.

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6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** LET ME RESTATE THAT. THE SIMPLE THINGS
7 IN PEDIATRICS, THE WELL-BABY CHECKS, IMMUNIZATIONS, COLDS, EAR
8 INFECTIONS, WELL PEOPLE WILL TEND TO GO TO A PEDIATRICIAN IN
9 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE'S BEEN A GREAT CONSOLIDATION OF THE
10 MARKET AND MOST HOSPITALS DON'T TRY TO RUN A SMALL PEDIATRIC
11 WARD NOW SO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL -- WHEN A KID IS SICK ENOUGH TO
12 BE IN A HOSPITAL, IT'S WORTH GOING TO A SPECIALIZED PEDIATRIC
13 HOSPITAL. SO I THINK YOU REALLY DO HAVE KIND OF A LOCALIZED
14 IMMEDIATE CONTROL AND I DON'T KNOW IF INSURANCE PLAYS AS MUCH
15 A ROLE AS WELL AS FINDING SOMEONE THAT THE PARENTS CAN HAVE
16 CONFIDENCE IN, EITHER A GENERAL PRACTITIONER OR ESPECIALLY A
17 PEDIATRICIAN IN THE AREA.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT MEANS TO THIS. SO THEY
20 GO TO A GENERAL PRACTITIONER IN THE AREA, ARE THEY COVERED
21 UNDER HEALTHY FAMILIES?

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS I'M
24 NOT SURE THAT INSURANCE PLAYS AS MUCH A ROLE IN WHO YOU TAKE
25 YOUR CHILD TO AS, YOU KNOW, WHETHER OR NOT THAT PERSON --.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL THAT'S A DIFFERENT THING. I'M TALKING ABOUT
3 HERE IS SOMEBODY IS ENROLLED IN HEALTHY FAMILIES. THEIR KIDS
4 ARE GETTING COVERAGE UNDER A PRESCRIBED PLAN. THEIR KID IS
5 SICK. DO THEY GO SEE THAT DOC OR DO THEY GO TO OUR CLINIC?

6

7 **FRED LEAF:** I THINK IN THAT SITUATION MANY OF THEM DO COME TO
8 OUR HOSPITALS.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THEY DO. THAT'S THE WHOLE ISSUE. SOMEBODY
11 ELSE IS GETTING THEIR MONEY, WE'RE PROVIDING THEIR CARE. AND
12 UNDER THE HEALTHY KIDS, I THINK IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, TOO.
13 SOMEBODY ELSE -- 'CAUSE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO SIGN UP WITH US,
14 AND GET THEM SIGNED UP WITH US, AND IF THEY SIGN UP WITH US
15 THEY'RE GOING TO STAY FOR A LITTLE WHILE AND THEY'RE GOING TO
16 MOVE ON FOR WHATEVER REASON BECAUSE -- AND THEN WE END UP
17 TAKING CARE OF THEM.

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19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WE DO ENROLL OR I THINK WE DO
20 TAKE EVERYONE, IF WE IDENTIFY THEM WHEN THEY COME IN TO OUR
21 FACILITY, THEN WE DO A SCREEN TO SEE WHETHER THEY'RE ALREADY
22 ENROLLED IN MEDICARE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THAT ELECTRONIC ACCESS
23 TO ASSESS THAT. SO THAT SHOULD ALLOW US TO GENERATE A BILL.
24 BUT IF THEY'RE UNDER AN H.M.O. WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN GET



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1 PAYMENTS FROM THAT H.M.O. IF WE DON'T HAVE A CONTRACT SIGNED
2 MAY BE THE ISSUE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL BUT LET'S SAY THEY'RE BLUE CROSS UNDER
5 HEALTHY FAMILIES, SO YOU'RE BILLING BLUE CROSS FOR THEIR CARE?

6

7 **FRED LEAF:** YES, AND WE'RE HAVING -- YEAH AS YOU KNOW FROM
8 LOOKING AT OUR SETTLEMENTS COMING THROUGH, WE'RE STILL HAVING
9 A VERY DIFFICULT TIME IN OUR COLLECTIONS ON OUT OF PLAN
10 PAYMENTS FROM OTHER HOSPITALS.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY?

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14 **FRED LEAF:** OUT OF PLAN PAYMENTS FROM OTHER PLANS.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY?

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18 **FRED LEAF:** PEOPLE WHO WERE TREATED, BECAUSE OUR SYSTEM, OUR
19 ALL-INCLUSIVE BILLING RATE THAT, YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN SUCH A,
20 YOU KNOW, ISSUE OVER THE YEARS, PRESENTS SOMEWHAT OF A
21 CHALLENGE TO PLACES LIKE BLUE CROSS AND OTHER PROVIDERS IN
22 TERMS OF THE BILL THEY WILL ACCEPT. THE PRE-AUTHORIZATION
23 ISSUES THAT WHERE WE MAY OR MAY NOT PROPERLY DO THAT, THEY
24 BECOME POINTS OF DISPUTE, ERGO, YOU KNOW, WE HOLD IT UP FOR
25 MONTHS AND MONTHS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND WHICH IS A GOOD WAY OF NOT, YOU
3 KNOW, NOT HAVING THEM PAY US. WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IS, IT'S
4 CREATING A CRISIS FOR US. IT STARTS ADDING UP, AND NOW HERE
5 HEALTHY KIDS IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT ONE. THEY'RE GOING TO PAY
6 ALL OF THESE PRIVATES, RIGHT, THEY'RE GOING TO COVER THEM, AND
7 WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR KIDS.

8

9 **FRED LEAF:** WHICH SUPERVISOR, BY THE WAY, I JUST WANT TO POINT
10 OUT, ONE OF THE GOOD THINGS HERE ABOUT THE L.A. CARE AGREEMENT
11 IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. WE WANTED TO GET ALL THE
12 PROGRAMS MANAGED UNDER ONE SYSTEM. L.A. CARE'S GOING TO HAVE
13 FIRST FIVE, YOU'LL HAVE HEALTHY --

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT I REALLY DO THINK THAT THIS
16 DEPARTMENT HAS GOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET MORE OF A HANDLE
17 ON THIS. OTHERWISE, I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THIS NOW FOR TEN
18 YEARS ON C.H.P. AND THE FIRST THREE YEARS WERE EXHAUSTING, I
19 FINALLY SAID KILL THIS PUPPY, IT IS KILLING US. AND THEN, OF
20 COURSE, HEALTHY FAMILIES CAME ALONG AND I THOUGHT FOR A LONG
21 TIME HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY GET SOME PEOPLE INTO A
22 PROGRAM AND COLLECT SOME OF THOSE DOLLARS. IN FACT WHEN WE
23 WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND WE WERE LOBBYING FOR OUR FIRST
24 WAIVER THEY SAID OH DON'T WORRY, WE HAVE A C.H.P. PROGRAM
25 COMING UP. THE C.H.I.P. PROGRAM, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE TAKING THIS



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1 MONEY AWAY FROM YOU WE'RE GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU THIS WAY,
2 WELL I KNEW WE WEREN'T GOING TO CAPTURE THAT. AND OBVIOUSLY
3 BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO CAPTURE IT. AND
4 WE'VE GOT TO START OPERATING AND IF, AS MIKE SAYS, IF YOU NEED
5 TO CONTRACT IT OUT, THEN CONTRACT IT OUT TO SOMEBODY WHO DOES
6 KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING. MY -- I'M CONCERNED AS WELL AND I'M
7 JUST TIRED OF WAITING BECAUSE I THINK MY ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT
8 AND I'D LOVE TO BE PROVEN WRONG, I'D LOVE TO BE PROVEN WRONG,
9 BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT TO NAVIGATE THROUGH BLUE CROSS FOR
10 MANY OF THESE SPANISH-SPEAKING PARENTS WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED
11 BUT WHOSE CHILDREN LEGALLY CAN GET THIS COVERAGE WILL NOT GO
12 TO BLUE CROSS. THEY MIGHT BE ENROLLED THERE, BUT I BET YOU
13 THEY'RE NOT GOING THERE. AND I WOULD LOVE TO BE PROVEN WRONG.
14 I THINK THEY'RE COMING TO US.

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE'LL HAVE TO SEE IF WE CAN -- WE CAN
17 MATCH.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL WHEN WOULD I GET AN ANSWER LIKE THAT? I MEAN
20 I'VE ASKED FOR A LONG TIME.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE HOSPITAL THAT HAS TO DO THAT.
23 THE HOSPITAL HAS TO GET THE CONTRACT WITH BLUE CROSS, AND IF
24 ALL OF OUR HOSPITALS HAVE THE CONTRACTS WITH THE H.M.O.'S WHEN
25 THEY COME TO THE HOSPITAL THEY'RE GOING TO BE AUTOMATICALLY



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1 REIMBURSED AND I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT HAS TO BE
2 ADDRESSED BY THE HOSPITALS. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE
3 HAVE, ABOUT -- WITH SOME OF OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS NOT BEING
4 ABLE TO GET THOSE CONTRACTS WITH THOSE H.M.O.'S AND THAT'S
5 WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YVONNE IT'S NOT THE HOSPITAL, IT'S THIS
8 DEPARTMENT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, NO, WHEN THEY COME INTO THE EMERGENCY
11 ROOM, THEY GO TO A HOSPITAL. AND WHO PAYS FOR THEIR SERVICES
12 WHEN THEY GO TO THE HOSPITAL IS WHOEVER IS THEIR PROVIDER, AND
13 WHEN THEY COME INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, THAT - IT'S AT THAT
14 POINT THAT THEY DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THAT PERSON HAS --
15 NOW IF THEY ARE LIE AND SAY "I DON'T HAVE INSURANCE."

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT IS HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE
18 DONE. I'VE ASKED HOW MANY HAVE PAID.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I GUESS WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH
21 REIMBURSEMENTS YOU GET FROM THOSE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MUCH DO WE GET? WE DON'T KNOW.

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH MAYBE WHAT WE CAN DO IS RUN A
2 MATCH BETWEEN THE MEDI-CAL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I JUST -- I THINK WE ALL RECENTLY WENT
5 THROUGH TRYING TO GET SOMEONE IN RANCHO WHO HAD BLUE CROSS,
6 YOU KNOW, AND THAT WHOLE ISSUE --

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** LOOK GUYS, I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW, I NEED TO
9 KNOW. WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT THIS, WE WANT TO PROMOTE THESE
10 PROGRAMS, BUT IF IT IS LIKE GOING IN CIRCLES, WE'RE STILL
11 TAKING CARE OF THESE KIDS, SOMEBODY ELSE IS GETTING PAID FOR
12 THEM, AGAIN, THAT'S NOT RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT RIGHT, NO.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND AGAIN, WELL HOW CAN WE OFFER A PLAN TO OUR
17 EMPLOYEES IF WE CAN'T EVEN GET FOLKS TO STAY ON THAT ARE GOING
18 TO BENEFIT FROM IT? THIS C.H.P. HAS TO COME UNDER SOME KIND OF
19 CONTROL. OR IF NOT, HANG THIS SUCKER UP, BECAUSE I THINK LIKE
20 WE HAVE THIS PRESENTATION OH IT WAS GIVEN TO US AS IT WAS DAY
21 ONE WHEN THIS WAS PRESENTED TO ME AS TO WHAT C.H.P. WAS, AND
22 EVERY TIME I LOOKED BEHIND THE CURTAIN IT WAS NOT WHAT THEY
23 TOLD ME IT WAS. AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE FACTS AND FIGURES. I'D
24 LIKE TO KNOW. THOSE EMERGENCY ROOM FOLKS THAT ARE COMING IN,
25 PEOPLE THAT ARE VISITING OUR CLINICS AND WHEN SOMEBODY ASKED



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1 WE FOUND, OH, 3% OF THEM WERE HEALTHY FAMILY FAMILIES. DID WE
2 COLLECT THAT MONEY? WELL, YOU KNOW, NO, WE DIDN'T. THEN I WANT
3 TO KNOW WHY. BECAUSE IF IN FACT THIS SHOULD BE A REVENUE FOR
4 US, AND THAT'S WHAT C.H.P. IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT, REVENUE,
5 AND I'M NOT SO SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING THERE. AND IT'S REALLY
6 -- I THINK THERE HAS TO BE MORE OWNERSHIP FROM THIS
7 DEPARTMENT. BUT I'D LOVE TO BE PROVEN WRONG BUT I DON'T THINK
8 I WILL BE. I'LL BET YOU THOSE FAMILIES ARE COMING TO OUR
9 CLINICS, WHY? BECAUSE WE HAVE SPANISH-SPEAKING PERSONNEL, WE
10 ARE AVAILABLE, WE TRY TO EXPAND OUR HOURS FOR THEM, BLUE CROSS
11 DOES NOT. OKAY. AND WHOEVER THEIR PROVIDERS ARE, YVONNE, THEY
12 JUST ARE NOT -- DID NOT CREATE THAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATION AND
13 SO ALL I AM SAYING, I THINK THAT WE ARE MORE ACCESSIBLE, AND
14 SO CONSEQUENTLY, WE'RE FOOTING THAT BILL AND SOMEBODY ELSE IS
15 GETTING PAID FOR THEIR CARE. SO I WOULD LIKE THAT AND I WOULD
16 LIKE TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME THAT INFO.

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL I'D THE INFORMATION AS WELL, WE'LL
19 LOOK INTO WHAT INFORMATION WE HAVE AND THEN MAYBE WE CAN MATCH
20 --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I -- THEN I CAN -- THE NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE
23 WHOLE IS IN FOUR WEEKS.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I HAVE IT BY THEN?

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE'LL GIVE YOU A REPORT BY THEN.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE'LL GO BACK TO
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR SPECIALS. OH I'M SORRY, GENEVIEVE
10 CLAVREUL WANTING TO SPEAK, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE HIS SPECIALS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS DR. FIELDING HERE? IF NOT I WANT TO-

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** YES HE IS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE IS, OKAY, ASK DR. GARTHWAITE TO REMAIN IF
17 HE WAS NOT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL WE'RE GOING TO CALL, AS SOON AS WE GO
20 THROUGH HIS SPECIALS WE WILL CALL THE HEALTH AGENDA, I DON'T
21 THINK WE HAVE TOO MANY ITEMS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, ON ANOTHER ISSUE, ON ANOTHER ISSUE.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.



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2 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

3 AGAIN, TALKING ABOUT THAT ITEM, IT WAS POSTPONED FOR THREE

4 MONTHS AND A HALF AND NOW WE'RE ASKING FOR ANOTHER FOUR WEEKS

5 TO GET SOME ANSWER. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COPY

6 OF THAT REPORT, I SHOULD SAY OF THAT NON- REPORT BECAUSE IT'S

7 OBVIOUS THAT IN LIGHT OF THE QUESTION WHICH ARE ACUTELY

8 IMPORTANT TO MAKE A DECISION AND AN ANSWER, AND MY CONCERN

9 FROM THE BEGINNING WAS A LACK OF R.F.P. TO ASSUME THAT L.A.

10 CARE CAN PROVIDE THE BEST CARE AT THE BEST RATE IS AN

11 ASSUMPTION NOT BASED ON FACTS. AND FRANKLY AS A CONSTITUENT OF

12 THIS COUNTY I AM GETTING VERY TIRED OF DECISIONS TAKEN WITHOUT

13 FACTS. SO I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IF YOU DO DUE DILIGENCE OF

14 THAT CASE AND REVIEW ALL THE FACTS BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR

15 DECISION.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, DR. FIELDING IS -- JOHN IS HERE. JUST A

20 FOLLOW-UP FROM THE QUESTIONS FROM LAST WEEK THAT SUPERVISOR

21 BURKE HAD RAISED AND I HAVE JUST BEEN NOTIFIED THAT A AMERICAN

22 AIRLINES HAS BEEN QUARANTINED ON THE RUNWAY IN SAN JOSE

23 BECAUSE OF THE RESPIRATORY EPIDEMIC THAT IS OCCURRING. COULD

24 YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE -- AND



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1 WHAT COULD BE DONE OR CAN BE DONE FOR FAMILIES HERE THAT ARE
2 CONCERNED?

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4 **JOHN SCHUNOFF:** SUPERVISOR I'M JOHN SCHUNOFF, CHIEF OF
5 OPERATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND THIS IS DR. DAVID MASSEY FROM
6 OUR ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UNIT. DR. FIELDING HAD TO
7 LEAVE. WE HAVE -- AT THIS POINT WE HAVE HAD SEVEN CASES IN LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY THAT FIT THE PROBABLE CASE DEFINITION FOR
9 S.A.R.S., AND WE HAVE REPORTED ALL OF THOSE TO THE C.D.C. AND
10 SENT THEM SAMPLES FOR ANY THAT WERE AVAILABLE. WE HAVE ALERTED
11 ALL OF THE -- PARTICULARLY THE EMERGENCY ROOMS, THE HOSPITALS
12 AND PHYSICIANS TO BE ALERT FOR THIS, WE'VE UPDATED THAT ALERT
13 AS RECENTLY AS YESTERDAY TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL CASE
14 DEFINITIONS FROM THE C.D.C., WHICH INCLUDED NOW ANYONE WHO'S
15 TRAVELED TO ANYWHERE IN CHINA, NOT JUST TO GUANG DONG PROVINCE
16 AND TO HONG KONG. AND ALSO SOME CHANGES IN THE -- SLIGHT
17 CHANGES IN THE CASE DEFINITION. SO FAR FORTUNATELY ALL OF THE
18 CASES WE HAVE SEEN HERE OR PROBABLE CASES IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY, HAVE BEEN MILD. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE
20 HOSPITAL VERY BRIEFLY AND HAVE RECOVERED OR ARE RECOVERING. WE
21 ARE CONSTANTLY IN COMMUNICATION NOT ONLY WITH THE C.D.C. BUT
22 ALSO WITH THE PEOPLE AT THE AIRPORT WHO ARE MEETING FLIGHTS
23 AND WHO ARE DEALING WITH ISSUES OF WHETHER THERE ARE SICK
24 PEOPLE COMING IN TO THE COUNTRY. NOW, DO I UNDERSTAND -- WE
25 ALSO HEARD THE REPORT OF A PLANE IN SAN JOSE THAT HAS BEEN --



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT AMERICAN AIRLINES FROM TOKYO.

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4 **JOHN SCHUNOFF:** BEEN HELD, WE DON'T KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT IT
5 THAN WHAT THE REPORTS ARE AT THIS POINT. EVIDENTLY SEVERAL
6 PEOPLE ARE SICK AND THEY'RE TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT TO -- WHAT
7 TO DO WITH IT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S SAY, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH AIRLINES OR A
10 SHIP THAT DOCKS IN ONE OF OUR PORTS OR DOCKS, OR IT LANDS AT
11 ONE OF OUR FIVE OR SIX AIRPORTS THAT WE HAVE? DO YOU HAVE A
12 PROTOCOL WHEN THE PLANE LANDS? DR. DAVID MASSEY: I CAN TRY TO
13 ANSWER THAT. THE CONTROL OVER AIRLINES AND SHIPS IS UNDER THE
14 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL QUARANTINE STATION AND IT'S
15 OPERATED UNDER FEDERAL REGULATION, NOT UNDER STATE. AND THE
16 GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS THAT
17 REQUIRE SHIP'S CAPTAINS AND AIRLINE CAPTAINS TO NOTIFY THE
18 NEAREST QUARANTINE STATION IN THE EVENT OF AN ILL PASSENGER OR
19 CREW MEMBER THAT MAY APPEAR TO HAVE A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE.
20 AND THOSE REGULATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN PLACE AND WE
21 OCCASIONALLY DO RESPOND TO SUCH QUERIES FOR OTHER DISEASES
22 LIKE MEASLES AND MENINGITIS. SO AT THIS POINT I WOULD ONLY SAY
23 THAT I WOULD EXPECT THAT THEY'RE OPERATING UNDER THE FEDERAL
24 REGULATION THAT REQUIRED THEM TO NOTIFY SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT,
25 AND THEN A QUARANTINE OFFICER WOULD MEET THE PLANE, ASSESS THE



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1 SITUATION, NOTIFY THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER TO DETERMINE
2 WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION REQUIRES ADDITIONAL MEDICAL
3 EVALUATION AND FURTHERMORE IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO
4 IDENTIFY THE CO-PASSENGERS IN CASE ANYTHING WOULD BE REQUIRED
5 OF THEM IN THE FUTURE. SO MOST OF WHAT WOULD BE HAPPENING THEN
6 WOULD BE PREVENTATIVE AND THE -- IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WITHOUT
7 FURTHER INFORMATION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU REQUESTING PUBLIC/PRIVATE HOSPITALS
10 TO REPORT RESPIRATORY AILMENTS OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE RECENTLY
11 COME FROM ABROAD?

12

13 **DR. DAVID MASSEY:** YES. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING WE ISSUED THE
14 ORIGINAL CASE DEFINITION WHEN THE C.D.C. AND WORLD HEALTH
15 ORGANIZATION COMPOSED IT AND WE CIRCULATED THAT AND WE HAVE
16 BEEN GETTING NUMEROUS REPORTS, OF WHICH WE'VE WEEDED OUT ALL
17 BUT SEVEN THAT DO MEET THE MINIMUM REPORTING DEFINITION.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO WE NEED A HOTLINE? OR IS THERE A HOTLINE
20 NUMBER THAT THE PUBLIC CAN CALL IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS?

21

22 **JOHN SCHUNOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE'VE BEEN GETTING LOTS OF CALLS
23 FROM THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE BEEN COMING INTO OUR REGULAR HOTLINE
24 AND WE'VE BEEN ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS. THE MOST IMPORTANT
25 THING, AND WE'VE BEEN -- I THINK THESE -- IS THAT PHYSICIANS



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1 WHO ARE SEEING POSSIBLE CASES, REPORT THOSE TO US AND WE'VE
2 ACTUALLY SEEN THAT THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AS A RESULT OF THE
3 ALERTS WE PUT OUT TO THE EMERGENCY ROOMS AND TO VARIOUS
4 PHYSICIANS. WITH -- SEVERAL WEEKENDS AGO WHEN THIS FIRST
5 BROKE, WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER WE PUT OUT THE ALERT WE GOT THE
6 FIRST REPORT FROM ONE OF THE PHYSICIANS WHO HAD SEEN THE FIRST
7 PROBABLE CASE HERE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE
10 CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN DEVELOPING A CONTROL OF THE S.A.R.S.
11 RESPIRATORY EPIDEMIC?

12

13 **DR. DAVID MASSEY:** WELL THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IS
14 PUTTING HUNDREDS OF PERSONS ON THIS ASSIGNMENT AND THEY'VE
15 SPELLED IT OUT IN THEIR MOST RECENT FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS
16 PAGE, WHICH I'D BE GLAD TO LEAVE WITH YOUR CLERK FOR
17 DISTRIBUTION LATER. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THEY'RE DOING AT
18 THIS POINT IS DEVELOPING A DIAGNOSTIC TEST THAT HOPEFULLY WILL
19 BE AVAILABLE TO CLINICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES IN THE
20 VERY NEAR FUTURE SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY CONFIRM MUCH OF WHAT
21 WE BELIEVE TO BE CASES, BECAUSE REMEMBER, WE'RE WORKING WITH A
22 CLINICAL CASE DEFINITION, NOT WITH A DIAGNOSTIC TEST, AND SO I
23 BELIEVE THAT MANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WE'VE COUNTED AS CASES
24 WILL ULTIMATELY NOT PROVE TO HAVE THE INFECTION, WITH THIS NEW
25 CORONA VIRUS THAT'S ALLEGED TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE DISEASE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS YOUR HOTLINE NUMBER?

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4 **JOHN SCHUNOFF:** I WILL -- I'LL PROVIDE IT FOR YOU, SUPERVISOR.

5 I DON'T KNOW IT OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND AGAIN, IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR

8 PRECAUTIONS THAT THE PUBLIC CAN TAKE NOW?

9

10 **JOHN SCHUNOFF:** WELL THE MAIN CONCERN IS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE

11 RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TRAVEL TO ONE OF THE AFFECTED AREAS,

12 AND THAT IS CHINA, HONG KONG, SINGAPORE AND VIETNAM, HANOI AND

13 VIETNAM. IF SOMEONE HAS RETURNED FROM THERE OR IS A CLOSE

14 CONTACT OF SOMEONE WHO HAS RETURNED FROM THERE AND THEY'RE

15 EXPERIENCING THESE RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS THEY SHOULD SEE THEIR

16 PHYSICIAN FOR EVALUATION. THE C.D.C. HAS ALSO NOW ADVISED THAT

17 PEOPLE WHO ARE CONSIDERING TRAVEL TO CHINA SHOULD CONSIDER

18 WHETHER THEY NEED TO GO, THAT WE'RE FOLLOWING THE LEAD ON THE

19 C.D.C. IN TERMS OF THEIR TRAVEL ADVISORIES.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER?

22

23 **DR. DAVID MASSEY:** NO, I DIDN'T HAVE IT EITHER.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH OKAY, OKAY. WELL, SO WE'RE ON TOP OF IT
2 AND THEN THE PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE AT THE PORTS AND AIR
3 TERMINALS.

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5 **DR. DAVID MASSEY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

6
7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ON THE -- I'VE A MOTION FOR
8 NEXT WEEK RELATIVE TO PROPOSITION 36, WHICH WAS THE DRUG
9 COURTS THAT HAD PASSED IN 19 -- I SHOULD SAY IN THE YEAR 2000,
10 WE FIND THAT IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE -- THOSE ARRESTED AND
11 SENTENCED FOR THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS, 70% REPORTED FOR
12 ASSESSMENT; HOWEVER 30% FAILED TO REPORT FOR THE MANDATORY
13 ASSESSMENT, WITHOUT THIS INITIAL ASSESSMENT TREATMENT CAN'T
14 BEGIN SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE AND THIS'D BE FOR NEXT WEEK, THAT WE
15 DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROP 36
16 TASKFORCE UNDER THE C.C.J.C. TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS WITH
17 RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS COULD BE TAKEN TO
18 ENSURE HIGHER COMPLIANCE RATE OF OFFENDERS REPORTING FOR
19 INITIAL ASSESSMENT. AND --.

20
21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT WEEK.

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS A -- TWO POINTS I WANT TO MAKE.
24 ONE, WE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH MERRICK BOBB AND THE SHERIFF A
25 COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND I HAD READ A LETTER FROM THE SHERIFF,



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1 AND I JUST WANT TO READ A PARAGRAPH FROM A MARCH 24TH LETTER
2 THAT MERRICK BOBB HAS SENT TO THE SHERIFF, AND THE SECOND
3 PARAGRAPH, BEGINNING WITH THE SECOND SENTENCE STATES FIRST OF
4 ALL "I EXTEND MY APOLOGIES FOR WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE INCORRECT
5 NUMBERS THAT I PROVIDED FOR OR GLEANED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN
6 THE L.A.S.D., SPECIFICALLY NEW YORK TIMES UPON WHICH I HAD
7 MISPLACED RELIANCE REGARDING SHOOTING OF INDIVIDUALS CONTRARY
8 TO WHAT THOSE NUMBERS APPEAR TO INDICATE. THE L.A.S.D. IN 2002
9 WAS NOT INVOLVED IN NUMERICALLY GREATER NUMBERS OF HIT
10 SHOOTINGS THAN THE L.A.P.D. AND THE N.Y.P.D." AND NOW HE MAKES
11 THE POINT THAT THE SHERIFF HAD MADE A -- WERE NOT INVOLVED IN
12 THAT MANY SHOOTINGS AND THIS WAS GIVEN TO EACH OF OUR JUSTICE
13 DEPUTIES IN A LETTER BY MERRICK BOBB ON MARCH 24TH. ON ANOTHER
14 POINT THAT -- AND THIS WAS WITH A DISCUSSION I HAD WITH A
15 LOCAL REPORTER. IF WE REMEMBER, IT WAS IN DECEMBER OF 2002 THE
16 GOVERNOR MADE A STATEMENT THAT WE HAD A 35 BILLION DOLLAR
17 DEFICIT AND WE HAD TO ADDRESS THAT DEFICIT IMMEDIATELY. AND WE
18 WERE LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL SESSION IN DECEMBER OR JANUARY,
19 WHERE THIS DECISION BY THE LEGISLATURE WOULD RESOLVE THIS
20 ISSUE. WE ARE NOW INTO THE BEGINNING OF APRIL 1ST, APRIL
21 FOOL'S DAY, AND WE STILL DON'T HAVE A REVISION OF THAT STATE
22 BUDGET. WHAT IS CRITICAL, WE ARE NOW -- THE GOVERNOR AND THE
23 LEGISLATURE BELIEVES THEY'RE GOING TO GET MONEY FROM THE
24 INDIANS, FROM THE CASINOS. BUT IF YOU NOTICE THE NEWS, THERE
25 IS A STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN TODAY BY THE INDIANS THAT THEY'RE NOT



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1 GOING TO HAVE THEIR MONEY BE USED BY THE STATE TO BE TAXED
2 HIGHER FOR THIS DEFICIT. SO THERE IS A FULL-COURT PRESS BY A
3 LARGE SOURCE OF REVENUE THAT THE GOVERNOR WAS PREDICATING
4 BALANCING THE BUDGET ON. WE HAVE A SEVERE PROBLEM IN NEEDING
5 TO GET ABOUT 10 BILLION DOLLARS TO TAKE SOME LOANS FROM THE
6 STATE. I SHOULD SAY TAKE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BUT WALL
7 STREET BANKERS ARE NOT LIKELY TO PASS ANY APPROVAL OF THESE
8 TYPES OF BONDS IF WE STILL DON'T HAVE A CORRECTION IN THE
9 CURRENT BUDGET MORE OR LESS THAN THE NEW BUDGET THAT'S COMING
10 FORTH IN JULY 1ST OF THIS YEAR. EVERY DAY WE WAIT IS A DAY
11 THAT WE HAVE TO CUT ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS BECAUSE THE CASH FLOW
12 IS NOT MEETING THE REVENUES THAT ARE GENERATED BY THE STATE.
13 WE HAVE A SEVERE PROBLEM, AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER WHEN THE
14 BOARD PASSED A MOTION, ASKING THAT THE LEGISLATURE MEET AND
15 RESOLVE THIS ISSUE, WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WITH
16 GOVERNOR REAGAN AND SPEAKER PRO TEM JAMES MILL AND SPEAKER
17 MCREADY, THERE WERE PROBLEMS BUT THE THREE WORKED TOGETHER
18 WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND WE SAT IN SESSION UNTIL THAT WAS
19 RESOLVED AND WE WERE LITERALLY ABLE TO WALK A BILL THROUGH THE
20 LEGISLATURE IN A NUMBER OF HOURS TO HAVE IT SIGNED AND CORRECT
21 THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAD. THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO ADDRESS
22 THEIR ISSUES BY NOT HAVING PSEUDO-PUBLIC HEARINGS WHERE ONLY
23 ONE PARTY IS GOING TO PRESIDE AND ONLY THOSE ADVOCATING HIGHER
24 TAXES CAN TESTIFY. WE NEED TO HAVE THE LEGISLATURE SIT DOWN
25 AND ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND THE ISSUE OF HIGHER TAXES OR DEEPER



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1 CUTS HAS TO BE PUT ON THE TABLE AND DISCUSSED AND A COMPROMISE
2 HAS TO BE REACHED. EVERY SCHOOL, CITY AND COUNTY IS BEING
3 JEOPARDIZED BY THIS FAILURE. THE SHERIFF YESTERDAY RELEASED
4 MORE PEOPLE FROM THE JAIL BECAUSE HE SAYS HE DOESN'T HAVE THE
5 FUNDS. THAT'S RECKLESS, RELEASING PEOPLE FROM JAIL, BACK ON
6 THE STREETS, IS NOT A METHOD OF ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY. MANY
7 OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN JAIL ARE THERE THROUGH A PLEA BARGAIN
8 FROM A SERIOUS OFFENSE TO A LESSER OFFENSE TO ALLOW THEM TO
9 SERVE LESS TIME AND THEN HAVING THE SHERIFF REDUCE THAT AMOUNT
10 IS WRONG, THOSE PEOPLE BELONG IN JAIL, NOT ON THE STREETS. SO
11 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR
12 ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT THEY WERE ELECTED TO ADDRESS AND THAT
13 IS TO PASS A STATE BUDGET AND A REVISION IN THE CURRENT ONE
14 AND A NEW BUDGET IN 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR. OTHERWISE WE ARE
15 GOING TO HAVE TO BASICALLY SHUT DOWN THE ENTIRE SYSTEM BECAUSE
16 OF THIS FAILURE. AND THIS IS EXTREMELY, IN MY OPINION, ONE OF
17 THE WORST ACTS OF IGNORING ONE'S RESPONSIBILITY THAT PEOPLE
18 ARE SUPPOSED TO DO. THEY ARE ELECTED TO PASS A BUDGET, IT'S
19 NOT THE LOCAL P.T.A. OR THE LOCAL CITY COUNCIL, OR THE LOCAL
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE
21 GOVERNOR, AND IF THEY CAN'T DO THAT, THEN THERE OUGHT TO BE
22 OTHERS WHO GET UP, REPLACE THEM TO DO IT. BUT WE'RE JUST
23 CAUGHT IN A CATCH-22. AND ON THAT NOTE WE HAVE ITEM 5 THAT WAS
24 HELD.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR BEFORE WE GET TO THAT CAN I MOVE
2 RECONSIDERATION OF 73-A? I THINK I CAST AN INCORRECT VOTE. I
3 MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS BEFORE US. 73-A, THAT WAS ON THE --

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOU VOTED ON THE PREVAILING
6 SIDE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** OH I THOUGHT YOU TOTALLY UNDERSTOOD.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU VOTED ON THE PREVAILING SIDE, I VOTED
13 AGAINST IT, SO I CAN'T --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DID, I'M MAKING THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE MOVING? IS THERE A SECOND?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN SECOND IT.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I CAN SECOND IT?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH I'M SURE YOU CAN.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF I -- CAN I SECOND IT IF I VOTED ON --
2 DID NOT VOTE ON PREVAILING SIDE?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH YOU CAN, YOU CAN.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL SECOND IT THEN.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN I'LL JUST HOLD IT UNTIL I GET TO MY
9 SPECIALS SO I WON'T INTERRUPT MR. ANTONOVICH.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM FIVE?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOMEBODY HELD THIS ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL SOMEONE HAS ASKED TO SPEAK. MR. DIXON,
16 WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME FORWARD? AND ALSO TANYA AKEL. REGINALD
17 DIXON UH-HUH.

18

19 **TANYA AKEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS TANYA MARIE AKEL,
20 RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR S.E.I.E. 660 AND WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE
21 MOTION TO REOPEN AND ONCE AGAIN REVIEW AND AUDIT ARROWMARK AND
22 CANTEEN'S PROPOSALS TO TAKE OVER FOOD SERVICES IN THE SHERIFF
23 DEPARTMENT. FURTHERMORE WE FIND EFFORTS TO ALLOW FOR-PROFITS
24 TO USE PRISON LABOR TO INCREASE PROFITS ABHORRENT AND RIFLED
25 WITH PROBLEMS. 660 REPRESENTS ALMOST 250 FOOD SERVICES WORKERS



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1 AND SHERIFFS WHO WOULD LOSE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT IF THIS WORK
2 WERE EVER TO BE CONTRACTED OUT. IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT A HIGH
3 PERCENTAGE OF OUR MEMBERS IN FOOD SERVICES HAVE A MILITARY
4 BACKGROUND. THEY ARE DEDICATED TO SERVING THEIR COUNTRY AND
5 THE PUBLIC AND THEY SUCCESSFULLY PREPARE OVER 20,000 APPEALING
6 AND NUTRITIOUS MEALS A DAY AT A VERY COST EFFECTIVE RATE. THE
7 MOTION REFERS TO A 1997 REPORT WHOSE NUMBERS ARE OUTDATED AND
8 HIGHLY INFLATED TODAY. CORINNE FORZANO GROUP DID A MORE RECENT
9 EVALUATION OF FOOD SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY. C.F.G.'S FOOD
10 SERVICE CLIENTS INCLUDE PRIVATE FOR-PROFITS AND PUBLIC
11 ENTITIES SUCH AS THE NEW YORK PRISON SYSTEM. AND C.F.G.
12 REPORTED THAT L.A.S.D. IS PROVIDING MEALS ON AVERAGE FOR \$1.17
13 PER MEAL AND JUST 62 CENTS PER MEAL AT TWIN TOWERS. AND THESE
14 ARE REMARKABLE FIGURES GIVEN THAT L.A.S.D. OPERATES IN A HIGH-
15 COST ZONE AND INCLUDES SECONDS AND GENEROUS PORTIONS WHEN
16 WARRANTED. C.F.G. REPORTED THAT ONLY DALLAS, TEXAS COMES IN
17 LOWER AT \$1.15 PER MEAL. MORE CURRENTLY THE TOTAL COST OF
18 L.A.S.D. FOOD SERVICES PER YEAR IS 35.7 MILLION, 6 MILLION
19 DOLLARS LESS THAN WHAT IS CITED IN THE MOTION AND WHILE
20 FEEDING MORE PEOPLE. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS L.A.S.D. FOOD
21 SERVICES HAS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED A NUMBER OF COST-SAVING
22 MEASURES AND UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT IS CONTINUING TO IMPROVE ITS
23 COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION. AN INDEPENDENT
24 CONSULTANT FOUND WHAT WE ALREADY KNEW, L.A.S.D. FOOD SERVICES
25 IS DOING A GOOD JOB AND COMPARES FAVORABLY TO OTHER PRISON



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1 SYSTEMS IN TERMS OF COST, SAFETY AND HEALTH, CODE VIOLATIONS,
2 AND FOOD QUALITY. AND THE CONSULTANT FOUND NO INDICATION THAT
3 THE COUNTY WOULD SAVE MONEY BY CONTRACTING OUT FOOD SERVICES.
4 THE COUNTY PURCHASES FOOD AND SUPPLIES AT A VERY COMPETITIVE
5 RATE THAT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO BEAT. CRITICALLY,
6 AN INITIAL REVIEW OF THE BIDS BY THE CONSULTANT, FOUND THAT
7 NEITHER BIDDER COMPLIED WITH KEY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF
8 THE R.F.P. FURTHERMORE BIDS REQUIRED AT LEAST 20 MILLION
9 DOLLARS IN NEW INVESTMENT AT A TIME THE COUNTY IS FACING HUGE
10 BUDGET DEFICITS. CLEARLY THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION TO GO
11 AGAINST THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S EVALUATION. THE SHERIFF TOOK
12 INTO CONSIDERATION OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND DISASTER
13 PREPAREDNESS NEEDS. ARROWMARK'S FOOD SERVICES HAS BEEN
14 ASSOCIATED WITH A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND I
15 QUOTE, "PHILADELPHIA BASED AIROMARK CORPORATION FAILED TO
16 DELIVER THE LEVEL OF SERVICE, LEVEL OF SAVINGS PRISON
17 OFFICIALS HAD ANTICIPATED, BILLED FOR MEALS THAT NEVER SERVED
18 AND AFTER WINNING THE CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST BID DEMANDED
19 MORE MONEY JUST FOUR MONTHS LATER. OTHER SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS
20 HAVE BEEN ALSO WRITTEN ABOUT ARROW MARK AND CORRECTIONAL
21 SERVICES. PROBLEMS CITED INCLUDED POOR SANITATION,
22 UNDERBIDDING, LATE MEALS, POOR QUALITY, STAFF WHO HAVE RAPED
23 INMATES, RACIAL BIAS AND OTHERS. IT APPEARS THE SHERIFF DOES
24 NOT WANT TO GO DOWN THAT PATH AND WE HOPE THE BOARD DOES NOT
25 WANT TO EITHER. THE FOOD SERVICE WORKERS HAVE LIVED WITH



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1 ANXIETY OVER LOSING THEIR JOBS FOR LONG ENOUGH. THOUSANDS AND
2 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF COUNTY
3 PRODUCTIVE HOURS HAVE ALREADY BEEN WASTED ON THE R.F.P. AND
4 EVALUATION PROCESS. THERE IS NOTHING POSITIVE THAT WILL COME
5 FROM YET ANOTHER EVALUATION, WE URGE YOU TO VOTE NO. THANK
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. DIXON, GO AHEAD.

9

10 **REGINALD DIXON:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE
11 BOARD, MY NAME IS REGINALD DIXON AND I'M A HEAD COOK WITH THE
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND A SHOP STEWARD FOR
13 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660. I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TODAY TO VOTE AGAINST
14 ANY PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT OUT FOOD SERVICES IN THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT AND TO VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION TODAY. WE HAVE LIVED
16 WITH UNCERTAINTY ABOUT OUR JOBS OVER TWO YEARS NOW AND I CAN'T
17 TELL YOU HOW MUCH STRESS THAT HAS CAUSED THE FOOD SERVICE
18 STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT I HAVE WORKED
19 FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOOD SERVICES
20 UNIT FOR 12 YEARS NOW. 50% OF US HAVE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY
21 FOR THAT LONG OR LONGER. QUITE MANY OF US HAVE GOT OUR
22 EXPERIENCE FROM THE MILITARY SERVICES. I PERSONALLY SERVED
23 WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. SEVERAL OF OUR COOKS HAVE
24 BEEN CALLED TO DUTY RECENTLY. THEY LEFT BELIEVING THAT WHEN
25 THEY CAME BACK THEIR POSITION WOULD BE SECURED AND WAITING FOR



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1 THEM. DURING MY 12 YEARS I HAVE COME TO KNOW MOST OF THE
2 EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE FOOD SERVICES UNIT. WE HAVE
3 A GOOD, QUALITY CREW THAT IS VERY HARD-WORKING AND DEPENDABLE.
4 WE ARE ALL PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S
5 FOOD SERVICES UNIT. IT WOULD BE DEVASTATING IF THE FOOD
6 SERVICES WERE TO BE TAKEN OVER BY A COMPANY LIKE ARROWMARK. I
7 KNOW THAT THIS COMPANY HAS HAD PROBLEMS IN OTHER JAIL SYSTEMS.
8 ONE OF MY COLLATERALS WITH THE FOOD SERVICES UNIT HAS BEEN TO
9 PERFORM BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS ON APPLICANTS WISHING TO BE
10 EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WE ARE VERY THOROUGH AND WE ARE
11 HELD UNDER STRICT GUIDELINES WHEN PERFORMING THESE
12 INVESTIGATIONS. WE'VE ALSO FOUND ABOUT 50% OF THESE APPLICANTS
13 CANNOT PASS BACKGROUND AND IT BOTHERS ME WHEN I FIND THAT THIS
14 OTHER ORGANIZATION HAS EMPLOYED SEVERAL WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED
15 WITH MAJOR CRIMES AT WORK SITE KITCHENS. YOU WON'T FIND THESE
16 TYPE OF INCIDENTS HAPPENING WITH THE FOOD SERVICES UNIT OF THE
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE THING WE DON'T
18 UNDERSTAND IS WHY, WHY IS THERE SO MUCH PRESSURE TO CONTRACT
19 OUT FOOD SERVICES? WE HAVE BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB. THERE IS NO
20 WAY ANYONE ELSE CAN BEAT OUR PRICE FOR MEALS, ESPECIALLY WITH
21 QUALITY AND QUANTITY THAT WE PROVIDE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY
24 QUESTIONS? THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO WE HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT IN? IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WANTS TO DO THIS?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO.

5

6 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** COMMANDER KLUGMAN FROM THE SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT.

8

9 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT, L.A. COUNTY
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU TAKE A COUPLE OF MINUTES AND GIVE US
13 YOUR TAKE ON THIS?

14

15 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** YES THANK YOU. WITH FIRST STARTING OUT WITH
16 THE MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD. ROMANO GATLIN HAS COME INTO LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THEY'RE A NEW YORK FIRM
18 THAT HAS DONE THE CONSULTING FOR US ON THIS ISSUE. THEY HAVE
19 DESIGNED THE R.F.P. AND THEY HAVE TAKEN A LOOK AT OUR
20 OPERATION. AS YOU HEARD JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO, WE'RE RUNNING
21 A VERY EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND QUALITY OPERATION. OUR COST
22 PER MEAL IS \$1.17 OR ABOUT \$3.51 PER DAY, PER INMATE.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DID IT GO FROM A DOLLAR, AND YOUR
25 PREVIOUS AUDIT SHOWED IT WAS SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF



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1 \$1.66 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT PER MEAL, AND YOU DROPPED TO
2 \$1.17, HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

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4 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE KPMG AUDIT?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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8 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** THAT'S A 1998 AUDIT AND WE HAVE REDUCED OUR
9 COSTS AND INCREASED OUR QUALITY BY MORE THAN 5 MILLION DOLLARS
10 IN THAT PERIOD OF TIME.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW'D YOU DO THAT, AND THAT'S A BIG DROP,
13 THAT'S LIKE A THIRD, ALMOST A THIRD, HOW'D YOU DO THAT?

14

15 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** I'M THE UNIT COMMANDER AT FOOD
16 SERVICES AND IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS I'VE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH
17 FOOD SERVICES EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WE HAVE TAKEN
18 SOME DRASTIC MEASURES TO CONSOLIDATE, TO CHANGE THE MENU, TO
19 LOOK FOR BETTER PRODUCT, WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD AT REDUCING
20 OUR COSTS IN LIGHT OF THE BUDGET SITUATION. WE'VE SAVED
21 PROBABLY A MILLION DOLLARS AVERAGE PER YEAR IN RAW FOOD COSTS
22 ALONE. THE KPMG REPORT TAKES IN A MANAGEMENT SUPPORT THAT WE
23 DON'T INCORPORATE IN OUR OVERALL FOOD SERVICES COSTS.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, OH SO THE \$1.17 IS --



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2 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** IT'S ALL FOOD RELATED COSTS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AN APPLES AND APPLES COMPARISON TO THE
5 \$1.66?

6

7 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES WHAT?

10

11 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** THAT'S NOT AN APPLES TO APPLES
12 COMPARISON YOU'RE CORRECT, BECAUSE THEY INCORPORATED A --

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, SO WHAT WOULD BE AN APPLES TO
15 APPLES COMPARISON BETWEEN WHERE YOU IN 1998 AND THE KPMG
16 AUDIT, WHAT WOULD BE, IF YOU STRIPPED AWAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE
17 COSTS, THE SUPPORT COSTS AND THE \$1.66 WHAT WOULD THAT \$1.66
18 BE IN 1998?

19

20 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** IN 1998 WE'D HAVE TO REMOVE THAT 4
21 MILLION, 79 THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE OVERALL BUDGET WHICH
22 WOULD TAKE IT VERY CLOSE TO WHERE WE ARE NOW, BUT THIS WAS
23 ALSO SERVING 23 MILLION MEALS PER YEAR, WE ARE NOT AT 30
24 MILLION MEALS PER YEAR.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH BUT THIS IS A PER MEAL COST, SO
2 ACTUALLY IT'S ALMOST IRRELEVANT SO. SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT
3 REALLY THE COSTS HAVE NOT DROPPED THAT SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE
4 '98, WHAT YOU JUST GOT THROUGH TELLING ME, IF YOU STRIP AWAY
5 THE PRODUCTION -- THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, THE \$1.66 WOULD
6 DROP CLOSE TO WHAT IT IS NOW, WHICH IS 1.17?

7

8 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** EXCEPT THAT YOU'RE DIVIDING BY 30
9 MILLION AS OPPOSED TO 23 MILLION. WE'VE INCREASED OUR VOLUME
10 SO THAT WOULD LOWER THE COST OVERALL.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. EITHER, I MEAN
13 IT'S A PER-MEAL COST, RIGHT?

14

15 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHETHER IT'S 30 MILLION OR 300 MILLION
18 IT'S PER MEAL?

19

20 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** BUT YOU'RE USING THAT 30 MILLION AS A
21 BASIS, I'M SORRY THE 23 MILLION AS A BASIS, WE ARE NOW AT 30
22 MILLION MEALS AT THE SAME COST SO OUR PER MEAL COST REALLY
23 DOES REDUCE.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, SO THEN YOU -- SO THEN YOUR ANSWER COULD
2 NOT BE RIGHT WHEN I ASKED YOU WHAT -- MAYBE YOU DIDN'T
3 UNDERSTAND MY QUESTION. YOU SAID -- THE INFORMATION I HAVE IS
4 THAT YOU HAVE \$1.66 -- KPMG SAID YOUR COST PER MEAL IS \$1.66
5 IN 1997, RIGHT?

6

7 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID, YES.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID, WHAT IS THE
10 REAL NUMBER? IN 1997 WHAT WOULD'VE BEEN THE REAL NUMBER?

11

12 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** I DON'T HAVE A CALCULATOR WITH ME SO I
13 CAN'T RECONFIGURE THEIR NUMBERS BUT WE WEREN'T AT \$1.63 THEN.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, OKAY YOU KNOW YOU WEREN'T AT \$1.66,
16 BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU WERE, I'M JUST
17 TRYING TO GET A COMPARISON BETWEEN WHAT THE PER-MEAL COST IS
18 UNDER THIS -- UNDER YOU'RE PROPOSING NOW OR WHAT YOU SAID NOW,
19 AND WHERE YOU WERE FIVE YEARS AGO, THAT'S ALL, I MEAN IT'S A
20 PRETTY --

21

22 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** WHILE SHE'S TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT,
23 WE'RE OPEN TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TAKING A LOOK AT OUR
24 BOOKS. WE'RE VERY COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WITH
25 OUR OPERATION. WITH REGARD TO THE BIDS THAT CAME AS A RESULT



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1 OF THE R.F.P., BOTH BIDS HAVE BEEN REJECTED AS BEING
2 NONRESPONSIVE. THEY DID NOT BID THE R.F.P. AS IT WAS DIRECTED
3 TO BE DONE, AS IT WAS DESIGNED TO BE DONE AND AS IT WAS
4 CLEARLY ESTABLISHED BY THE CONSULTANT. THE REJECTION IS ON THE
5 BASIS OF THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT AND AT THE CONSULTANT'S
6 RECOMMENDATION.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'VE GOT THE NUMBER?

9

10 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** YES, I DO. IF WE REMOVE THE 4 MILLION
11 DOLLARS, AT THAT TIME WE WERE AT \$1.57, WE'RE NOW AT \$1.17.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, SO THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE. NOW
14 THAT WE'VE GOT THAT STRAIGHT. ALL RIGHT. CAN I ASK A QUESTION
15 AND MAYBE YOU CAN ANSWER IT OR MAYBE YOU CAN'T. YOU GUYS ARE -
16 - THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOW POSING THIS, RIGHT? THEY
17 WANT TO KEEP THE STATUS QUO.

18

19 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** BASED ON OUR -- THE RECOMMENDATION OF OUR
20 CONSULTANT YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, WHO INITIATED THE PROCESS? DID YOU
23 INITIATE THE R.F.P. PROCESS, TO GO OUTSIDE TO DO THIS?

24

25 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** YES.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHEN DID YOU DO THAT, WHEN DID THE
3 DEPARTMENT DO THAT?

4

5 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** IT WAS AS A RESULT OF THE MOTION FROM THE
6 BOARD AND IT, WHAT WAS THE DATE?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS AS A RESULT OF A MOTION BY THE BOARD?

9

10 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** YES, YES AND THE DATE ESCAPES ME RIGHT
11 NOW.

12

13 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** AND THE BASIS OF THAT WAS THAT IF IT COULD
14 BE DONE MORE COST EFFECTIVELY IT MAKES NO SENSE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTED IT AT THE TIME
17 RIGHT?

18

19 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** YES, AND IF AS A RESULT OF IT WE COULD HAVE
20 ESTABLISHED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO CONTRACT
21 OUT THEN CERTAINLY WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THAT.
22 AS THE BIDS CAME IN BOTH BEING NON-RESPONSIVE IT IS ACCORDING
23 AGAIN TO THE CONSULTANTS, IMPOSSIBLE TO CONDUCT A SIDE-BY-SIDE
24 COMPARISON, IT IS ALSO IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPARE TO THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT, AND FOR THOSE REASONS THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE CAN



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1 GO FORWARD WITH IT AS-IS, AND THEN AGAIN BASED ON THE
2 RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSULTANTS WHO HAVE LOOKED AT OUR
3 OPERATION AND ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE OPERATIONS AROUND THE
4 COUNTRY THAT ARE SIMILAR TO OURS, OURS IS EXTREMELY
5 COMPETITIVE AND THEY RECOMMEND IT'S IN OUR BEST INTEREST AND
6 THE COUNTY'S BEST INTEREST TO MAINTAIN OUR OPERATION.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE TWO BIDS THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY
9 ARE CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE?

10

11 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

14

15 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** AND BY THE CONSULTANTS THAT WE HAVE. I
16 THINK THAT'S THE QUESTION.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHY ARE THEY CONSIDERED TO BE NON-
19 RESPONSIVE?

20

21 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** BOTH BIDDERS DID NOT RESPOND TO THE TERMS
22 OF THE R.F.P. WHERE THEY WERE ASKED TO BID THE CONTRACT OR THE
23 R.F.P. THREE DIFFERENT WAYS: ONE WAS A HEAD TO HEAD COMPARISON
24 WITH WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW; A SECOND WAS WITH A COOK-CHILL
25 OPERATION WHERE THEY SUPPLIED THE HARDWARE AND THE EQUIPMENT,



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1 AND THE THIRD WAS A COOK-CHILL OPERATION WHERE WE SUPPLIED THE
2 HARDWARE AND THE EQUIPMENT, THEY DIDN'T -- HAVE I GOT THAT
3 RIGHT, THEY DID NOT BID ANY OF THE THREE METHODS THAT WE ASKED
4 FOR, IN FACT THEY DID SOMETHING ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT. AND
5 NEITHER WAS COMPETITIVE WITH THE OTHER IN TERMS OF PUTTING IT
6 TOGETHER IN A WAY THAT WE COULD COMPARE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T WANT TO HOG ALL THE TIME HERE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I MEAN I THINK THAT'S THE ESSENCE OF
11 THE MOTION IS TO EVALUATE WHETHER THEY WERE NON-RESPONSIVE OR
12 NOT, I MEAN I THINK THAT'S -- THERE ARE SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT
13 DIFFERENCES OF OPINION IN THAT. I THINK THE NEWS ON THE RADIO
14 THIS MORNING, SORT OF THE ESSENCE OF THE MOTION IS WELL TO
15 RELEASING PRISONERS EARLY, I MEAN IF THERE'S A POTENTIAL FROM
16 ANYWHERE FROM 5 TO 8 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN SAVINGS I
17 THINK IT'S WORTH A LOOK. THIS ISN'T DOING ANYTHING OTHER THAN
18 EVALUATING WHAT'S BEEN BEFORE US AND SO I MEAN I JUST THINK
19 THAT -- I MEAN THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR HERE, IS A REVIEW,
20 NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ANYTHING BUT A REVIEW TO SEE WHETHER
21 -- I MEAN THERE WERE VERY SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RAISED AS TO
22 WHETHER OR NOT THESE BIDS WERE RESPONSIVE OR NOT RESPONSIVE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I JUST -- OH GO AHEAD.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE IS, I BELIEVE, SOME FUNNY GAMES GOING
2 ON, AND THERE'S, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE CONFLICTS OF
3 INTEREST OR WHAT BUT THIS IS NOT A KOSHER REVIEW OF PROPOSALS
4 THAT HAVE COME IN AND THERE NEEDS TO BE AN OUTSIDE REVIEW.
5 WHEN YOU FIGURE YOUR COSTS, YOU ARE NOT FIGURING IN THE COSTS
6 OF THE SWORN PERSONNEL THAT'S INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION.

7

8 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** NOR WAS IT BID.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M JUST SAYING YOU'RE NOT DOING THAT SO THE
11 COSTS WOULD BE MUCH HIGHER. BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A COMPANY THAT'S
12 CURRENTLY PROVIDING THESE SERVICES TO ALAMEDA COUNTY JAIL,
13 SOLANO COUNTY JAIL, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY JAIL, MONTEREY COUNTY
14 JAIL, MADEIRA COUNTY JAIL IN CALIFORNIA, IT SEEMS IF WE CAN
15 SAVE DOLLARS, IT MAKES SENSE TO SAVE DOLLARS AND KEEP PEOPLE
16 IN JAIL THAN TO SPEND MORE MONEY AND ALLOW PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL
17 IF THERE'S A SHORTAGE OF FUNDS. AND GOING AHEAD WITH AN
18 OBJECTIVE EVALUATION WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
19 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO
20 MAKE THAT FINAL DECISION. SO MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT
21 INFORMATION WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. ONE OF THE
24 PROPOSERS DID PROPOSE KEEPING CIVILIAN LABOR, WAS THAT RIGHT?

25



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1 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** I'M SORRY, WHEN, DID WHAT?

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PROPOSED USING CIVILIANS. I GUESS THE BIG
4 ISSUE WAS THAT THEY ASSUMED INMATE LABOR, WHICH IS WHAT YOU
5 USE NOW, RIGHT?

6

7 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** YES WE USE INMATE LABOR BUT WE DID NOT
8 ALLOW THAT TO BE BID.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE BID DID NOT PROVIDE FOR INMATE LABOR?

11

12 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** THE THREE WAYS THAT I'VE DESCRIBED THAT WE
13 ASKED THEM TO BID THE CONTRACT, THE R.F.P. DID NOT INCLUDE
14 USING INMATE LABOR. THEY WERE GIVEN A PROVISION THAT IF THEY
15 HAD A BETTER SUGGESTION, A WAY TO DO THIS THAT WE WERE UNAWARE
16 OF THAT MIGHT BE COST-EFFECTIVE THAT THEY COULD SUBMIT THAT AS
17 ALTERNATE BID. NEITHER SIDE DID THAT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THOSE, BUT DID ONE OF THEM PROPOSE
20 USING CIVILIAN LABOR?

21

22 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** THEY BOTH ARE USING CIVILIAN LABOR.

23



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RATHER THAN INMATE LABOR, I GATHER THEY
2 BOTH SUBMITTED INMATE LABOR BUT ONE I THOUGHT DID HAVE AN
3 ALTERNATIVE CIVILIAN.

4

5 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** NO, MA'AM, NO NEITHER DID INMATE LABOR.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW ALSO ONE OF THE PROVISIONS WAS A THREE-
8 YEAR COST, TO KEEP THE COSTS FOR THREE YEARS AT THE AMOUNT IN
9 THE R.F.P. DID THE PROPOSORS SAY THAT THEY WOULD KEEP THE
10 COSTS AT THE SAME FOR THREE YEARS?

11

12 **LIEUTENANT ALICE SCOTT:** NO, THEY DID NOT. EACH OF THEM HAD
13 ESCALATING COSTS, WHEN WE ASKED FOR A PRICE GUARANTEE FOR
14 THREE YEARS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS
17 HERE, I THINK THAT FIRST OF ALL IS THAT I WOULD CERTAINLY BE
18 VERY SUPPORTIVE OF HAVING THE AUDITOR LOOK AT THE COSTS OF THE
19 SHERIFF FOR MEALS. GETTING INVOLVED IN WHO IN THIS BID AND
20 TRYING TO MAKE -- FORCE IT TO BE RESPONSIVE IF IT'S NOT
21 RESPONSIVE, I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S A PROPER APPROACH AT
22 THIS POINT. SO I MEAN, YOU KNOW, IF THE MOTION IS TO HAVE THE
23 AUDITOR LOOK AT THE SHERIFF'S FOOD COSTS, I'M SUPPORTIVE OF
24 THAT, BUT I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THIS BID AND DETERMINING



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1 WHETHER OR NOT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO NOT BE RESPONSIVE TO A
2 BID.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU MAKE THAT AMENDMENT TO THAT
5 EFFECT?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD MOVE THAT WE JUST DELETE THAT
8 PORTION THAT SAYS THE REVIEW THE BIDS THAT WERE SUBMITTED,
9 INCLUDING THE ALTERNATIVES, AND THAT MAY HAVE INCLUDED INMATE
10 LABOR.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEY SAID THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY
13 INMATE LABOR.

14

15 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** THERE WAS NO INMATE LABOR BID.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S NO NEED TO EVALUATE THAT SINCE NONE
18 OF THEM BID IT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO THEY DID BID INMATE LABOR.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU JUST SAID THEY DIDN'T.

23

24 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** NO MA'AM.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO THEY DID, THEY DID NOT BID?

2

3 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** THEY DID NOT, IT WAS -- THEY WERE NOT
4 ALLOWED TO BID INMATE LABOR.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, ALL RIGHT, OKAY THEY WERE NOT
7 ALLOWED, BUT DID THEY, AND SO THE BIDS DID NOT INCLUDE INMATE
8 LABOR?

9

10 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** NO THEY DID NOT. THE R.F.P.'S WERE
11 EVALUATED BY THE CONSULTANT INDEPENDENT OF THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT, AND EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE BEEN TELLING YOU IS AS
13 A RESULT OF THAT EVALUATION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I WOULD MOVE THAT YOU DELETE THOSE
16 PORTIONS IN TERMS OF RE-EVALUATING THE BIDS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SAY THAT AGAIN?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST -- I WOULD MOVE THAT WE
21 ELIMINATE FROM THE MOTION THOSE PORTIONS THAT REEVALUATE THE
22 BIDS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY SO YOU'RE BASICALLY ASKING THE AUDITOR-
25 CONTROLLER TO VERIFY THE COST FIGURES --.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT THE SHERIFF HAS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT SHERIFF HAS, IN COMPARISON WITH OTHERS
5 I TAKE IT RIGHT?

6

7 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** I THINK JUST AN EVALUATION OF OUR COSTS --
8 WHAT ARE COSTS?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT THEIR COSTS ARE, ONCE WE IDENTIFY WHAT
11 THEIR COSTS ARE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN WE WILL COMPARE THEM TO WHAT HAS BEEN
14 SUBMITTED.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT.

17

18 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** YOU CAN'T COMPARE TO WHAT HAS BEEN
19 SUBMITTED BECAUSE IT'S SO NON-RESPONSIVE, HOWEVER ONCE YOU
20 KNOW OUR COSTS AND WE OPEN THE BOOKS, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE
21 ANYBODY LOOK AT THEM, ONCE YOU CAN LOOK AT OUR COSTS YOU CAN
22 MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT'S STILL
23 COST-EFFECTIVE TO GO BACK OUT AND I WOULD SUGGEST PERHAPS
24 REISSUE THE R.F.P. WITH A NEW SCOPE OF WORK AND START OVER



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1 AGAIN. THAT'S AN OPTION, AND I THINK PROBABLY THE ONLY VIABLE
2 OPTION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T HAVE AN OPINION RIGHT?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOUR AMENDMENT IS JUST TO HAVE THEM
7 VERIFY THE SHERIFF'S COSTS? I'LL SECOND THAT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, YES, BECAUSE IT'S AN OLD --

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN THE MEANTIME IT'S THE STATUS QUO AS FAR
12 AS HOW MEALS ARE PROVIDED AND PREPARED OR IT WILL CONTINUE?

13

14 **COMMANADER KLUGMAN:** YES, SIR.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH BUT IT SHOULD BE CHEAPER NOW BECAUSE
17 ACCORDING TO YOUR REPORTS, YOU'RE NOW DOING COLD BREAKFASTS SO
18 THOSE COSTS HAVE TO BE REDUCED.

19

20 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** THAT'S TRUE, THAT IS TRUE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL THEIR COSTS HAVE PLUMMETED IF THEY GO
23 AWAY FROM \$1.57 A MEAL TO \$1.16 A MEAL THAT'S A BIG DROP.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COURSE MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT AT THAT
2 POINT YOU WERE ALSO HAVING INDIVIDUAL FROZEN CHICKEN. WASN'T
3 THAT ONE OF THE ISSUES WE TALKED ABOUT AT THAT TIME?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** UNCOOKED.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UNCOOKED, RIGHT, IT WAS GETTING THOSE
8 INDIVIDUALLY --.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** INDIVIDUALLY PAPER WRAPPED CHICKEN, CHICKEN
11 FILLET, YEAH. JAVA COFFEE, YOU STILL SERVING JAVA COFFEE OVER
12 THERE?

13

14 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** WE BUY OUR FOOD THROUGH I.S.D. AND A MAJOR
15 PART OF THEIR CONTRACTING FOR THE COUNTY, OUR PURCHASING POWER
16 FOR THE COUNTY AND THAT IS AN ISSUE AS WELL.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SUSPECT THAT THAT HAD SOME IMPACT, AND
19 SOME OF THE PURCHASING WAS REALLY VERY INTERESTING AT THAT
20 TIME. THAT'S MY MOTION THEN --

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I THINK IT'S SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA DID YOU HAVE A COMMENT?
25 ALL RIGHT, THE VOTE IS ON THE -- MY AMENDMENT, OKAY. ALL



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1 RIGHT, IS? YOU SECOND IT? THEN THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, ON
2 THE MAIN MOTION, IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? THEN IT'S - AS
3 AMENDED THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

4

5 **COMMANDER KLUGMAN:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NUMBER 44, MR. NOYES?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LYNNE PLAMBECK ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE NEED JIM NOYES.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, AND JIM NOYES ALSO COULD HE COME
14 FORWARD, BUT LYNNE. YES.

15

16 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** MY NAME IS LYNNE PLAMBECK AND I'M HERE
17 REPRESENTING SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING ANDTHE
18 ENVIRONMENT, AND ALTHOUGH THIS LOOKS LIKE A MINOR PUBLIC WORKS
19 DEPARTMENT OR NOT MINOR BECAUSE IT'S A MILLION AND A HALF
20 DOLLARS, THIS IS A TRIBUTARY TO THE SANTA CLARA RIVER AND WHAT
21 THIS PROPOSAL IS TO CONCRETE THE BOTTOM OF A SANDY BOTTOM
22 FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL THAT GOES INTO THE SOUTH FORK AND THEN
23 INTO THE SANTA CLARA RIVER AND THEY HAVE PROCEEDED ON THIS AS
24 A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND WE DON'T FEEL THAT IT SHOULD BE A
25 NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND WE WOULD BE SO APPRECIATIVE IF PUBLIC



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1 WORKS COULD MEET WITH THE COMMUNITY AND LET US GIVE OUR INPUT
2 ON THIS. AND THERE'S SEVERAL REASONS FOR THAT, FIRST OF ALL
3 THERE WERE A LOT OF NEIGHBORS ALONG THIS THAT REALLY WANTED
4 NATIVE VEGETATION IN THERE AND IT'S ALSO RIGHT ADJACENT TO
5 PINECREST SCHOOL. WHEN THE COUNTY CAME IN AND CLEARED OUT ALL
6 THE CAT TAILS THERE WERE NO LONGER NESTING BLACKBIRDS, TRI-
7 COLORED BLACKBIRDS AND THE FROGS WENT AWAY AND THE SCHOOL
8 CHILDREN WERE REALLY VERY DISMAYED ABOUT THIS. ALSO IT SAYS IN
9 THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF
10 NOISE AND I DON'T THINK THAT THE NEIGHBORS WERE NOTIFIED OF
11 THIS, ESPECIALLY THE SCHOOL THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO COORDINATE
12 WORK IN A FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL THAT'S IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO
13 A SCHOOL, YOU WOULD WANT TO COORDINATE THAT WHEN THE SCHOOL
14 ISN'T IN SESSION OR ON VACATION. AND THE OTHER THING THAT I
15 WANTED TO SAY ABOUT THIS IS THAT PICO CREEK IS A WILDLIFE
16 CORRIDOR AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW IS CONCRETING IT AND MAKING
17 IT SO THAT NOTHING CAN MOVE IN THERE AND WE'VE ALREADY HAD
18 SOME PROBLEMS WITH ANIMALS GETTING UP INTO NEIGHBORHOODS
19 BECAUSE THE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN CUT OFF. THE EFFECT OF CONCRETE
20 ON MAKING THE WATER MORE BASIC, CHANGING THE WATER QUALITY AND
21 THE TEMPERATURE OF THE WATER ALSO NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED ALONG
22 WITH THE LOSS OF RECHARGE WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT I'VE COME
23 AND TALKED TO YOU A LOT ABOUT. BUT I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT
24 REASON TO MEET WITH THE PUBLIC AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON THIS
25 ISSUE AND WITH THE WATERSHED DIVISION MR. BLUM WHEN HE RETIRED



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1 TRIED TO ESTABLISH A WATERSHED DIVISION SO THAT WE COULD STOP
2 OR AT LEAST HAVE SOME COMMUNITY INPUT BEFORE WE CONCRETE OUR
3 STREAMS AND LOSE OUR SANTA CLARA RIVER. ONE OF THE MOST
4 IMPORTANT IS THAT THEY PUT STABILIZERS IN BOUQUET CREEK AND
5 WITHIN TWO YEARS THE STABILIZERS WERE BURIED BY SAND, SO
6 YOU'RE LOOKING AT A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLAR PROPOSAL THAT
7 MAY NOT EVEN WORK AND HAVE ALL THESE ADDITIONAL DESTRUCTIVE
8 IMPACTS THAT WEREN'T ANALYZED IN THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION.
9 THEY SAY THEY'RE GOING TO MITIGATE BUT THERE'S NO MITIGATION
10 PROPOSAL AND I BELIEVE THAT'S NOT LEGAL, YOU NEED TO HAVE THE
11 MITIGATION PROPOSAL IN THE DOCUMENT. SO THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO
12 SAY, IS JUST A REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC MEETING.

13

14 **JIM NOYES:** MADAM CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS, JIM NOYES, DIRECTOR OF
15 PUBLIC WORKS. WHAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY IS THE NEGATIVE
16 DECLARATION FOR THE PROJECT. WE STILL HAVE TO FOLLOW UP ON
17 THAT WITH A 16-AND-1 AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
18 FISH & GAME, A PERMIT FROM THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND
19 CERTIFICATION FROM THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. I
20 DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING MORE THAN A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
21 IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT. IT WILL NOT HAVE ANY ADVERSE
22 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. WE HAVE A LONG WAYS TO GO BEFORE WE
23 ACTUALLY GET TO CONSTRUCTION. WE'LL BE GLAD TO MEET WITH THE
24 COMMUNITY, THE SCHOOL, AND THE NEIGHBORS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY
25 MEETING FORUM AND DISCUSS THE PROJECT WITH THEM SO THEY CAN



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1 HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT AND ITS IMPACTS. IT
2 IS NOT A PROJECT TO PUT CONCRETE IN THE BOTTOM OF PICO CANYON
3 CHANNEL. IT IS A PROJECT TO REPAIR AND MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE THE
4 STABILIZER STRUCTURES THAT HAVE BEEN IN THIS REGION OF PICO
5 CANYON SINCE THE LATE 1960S.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE PROCESS WILL -- YOU'LL MEET WITH THE
10 PEOPLE?

11

12 **JIM NOYES:** WE'LL BE GLAD TO MEET WITH THE COMMUNITY,
13 SUPERVISOR YES AND MISS PLAMBECK.

14

15 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** BUT IF IT'S ALREADY BEEN APPROVED, THEN THERE
16 WON'T BE ANY FURTHER MITIGATION MEASURES, SO IT WOULD BE NICE
17 IF WE COULD MEET WITH THEM BEFORE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE'S GOING TO MEET WITH YOU AND WITH THE
20 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND ALSO AT SUCH TIME, SO BECAUSE
21 OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU INTERPRET
22 --

23

24 **JIM NOYES:** THE PROJECT WILL STILL HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE
25 BOARD SUPERVISOR FOR ADVERTISING AND AWARD, AND I THINK THE



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1 MITIGATION MEASURES CAN BE AMPLY ADDRESSED IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS
2 WITH THE CORPS, AND FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT AND THE WATER
3 QUALITY CONTROL BOARD AS WE SECURE THE NECESSARY PERMITS AND
4 APPROVALS FROM THEM.

5

6 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** WELL NORMALLY THE CORPS FOLLOWS THE LEAD OF
7 THE COUNTY, SO IF THE MEASURES AREN'T IN YOUR NEGATIVE
8 DECLARATION, THEY'RE UNLIKELY TO BE IN THERE.

9

10 **JIM NOYES:** I WISH THE CORPS WOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE
11 COUNTY IN MANY CASES.

12

13 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** WELL THEY SURE SEEM TO OUT IN SANTA CLARITA.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S A NEW ONE. WE'D HAVE SAVED A LOT OF
16 MONEY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND? BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.
19 ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE ITEM 70. BIO-TERRORISM.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 73, SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS REQUESTED
24 THAT TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN 73-D.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS IS A REPORT BY HEALTH SERVICES, 70, ON
4 A CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF -- AND THE FIRE CHIEF. COULD
5 WE HAVE THEM TO COME FORWARD? 73.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** "D," "DAVID.".

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH AND WHILE WE HAVE THE -- WHILE THE
10 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IS COMING UP AND CHIEF
11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON 70,
12 COULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO EVERYTHING REMAINS CALM?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EVERYTHING REMAINS CALM?

19

20 **CAROL GUNTHER:** EVERYTHING IS CALM. MY NAME IS CAROL GUNTHER.

21 I'M THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

22 AGENCY FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER ANY

23 QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATED TO THE

24 CORONER'S OFFICE PREPARATION, THE PREPARATION OF PRIVATE



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1 AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND THAT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH
2 RELATIONSHIP TO THEIR GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S A -- FROM THE MEMO THAT WE RECEIVED
5 FROM SECRETARY TOMMY THOMPSON, HE TALKS ABOUT THAT ON OR
6 BEFORE APRIL 15TH, THE C.D.C. AND H.R.S.A. WILL ISSUE
7 COORDINATED GUIDANCE FOR FULL SCALE APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR
8 2003 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.

9

10 **CAROL GUNTHER:** YES, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THOSE YET. THEY HAVE
11 BEEN DELAYED. EACH TIME WE'VE HEARD THAT THEY ARE COMING, BUT
12 WE ARE WAITING FOR THOSE AND WE READY TO SUBMIT OUR
13 APPLICATIONS FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FOR THE C.D.C. AND THE
14 HOSPITAL PREPARATION GRANTS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU SEE LAST YEAR THEY HAD AN UNPRECEDENTED
17 INCREASE IN FUNDING TO 1.1 BILLION, AND THAT'S -- SO THIS HAS
18 NOW BEEN INCREASED TO 1.4 BILLION FOR THE 2004 BUDGET. WHERE
19 ARE WE IN THAT PROCESS?

20

21 **CAROL GUNTHER:** WE'RE WAITING FOR THE APPLICATIONS TO COME OUT
22 AND THE INSTRUCTIONS. WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN AN INDICATION
23 THAT THE H.R.S.A. GRANT, WHICH WAS THE HOSPITAL PORTION, WHICH
24 WAS 3.6 MILLION LAST YEAR, WILL NOW BE 15.5 MILLION THIS YEAR
25 FOR THE HOSPITAL PORTION OF IT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS ANYTHING FURTHER YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?

5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. KEEP UP DOING THE GOOD WORK AND I KNOW

6 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE RESPONDING TO THOSE QUESTIONS AS

7 THEY'RE RAISED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF

10 MARINE CORPORAL JORGE GONZALEZ. HE'S A LOCAL SERVICEMAN WHO

11 TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN IRAQ. HE

12 WAS KNOWN AS CORPORAL GONZALEZ. HE GREW UP IN RIO ALTO AND IS

13 A GRADUATE OF EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR

14 HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS PARENTS MARIO AND ROSA, AND HIS

15 WIFE AND INFANT SON. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF

16 MRS. WING YANG WONG, A RESIDENT OF MONTEREY PARK. MRS. WONG

17 WAS THE BELOVED MOTHER OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ROSEANN WONG OF OUR

18 COUNTY COUNSEL DEPARTMENT AND THE BELOVED MOTHER-IN-LAW OF

19 PATRICK WOO, WHO IS AN ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL. WE ALSO WANT

20 TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE WONG FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND

21 I THINK THAT THE ONLY ITEM I HAVE IS FOR CLOSED SESSION.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE

24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSIE LEE ANDERSON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON

25 MARCH 23RD, 2003. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF



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1 INGLEWOOD. SHE RETIRED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AFTER 35
2 YEARS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND WINDELL E. ANDERSON AND
3 TWO CHILDREN, DEREK E. ANDERSON AND CONDRIE CHAPMAN AND HER 88
4 YEAR OLD MOTHER, SARAH MCDOWELL. I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH MOVED TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DEWEY L. SPAN SENIOR,
6 WHO DEVELOPED THE ROSE GARDEN AND THE ZOO, AND I WANT TO SAY
7 THAT HE WAS A RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 50
8 YEARS. IN 1950, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING A CHAPTER
9 OF LOCAL 347, FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER UNTIL HIS
10 RETIREMENT IN 1970, SURVIVED BY HIS SON, DEWEY SPAN, JR., HIS
11 DAUGHTER, ANDRE SPAN, HIS YOUNGEST BROTHER, CALVIN SPAN,
12 ESQUIRE, HIS GRANDCHILDREN, MONIQUE RUBERSON, TRAVIS SPAN,
13 RASHID GARNER AND JARED SPAN AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS,
14 COUSINS, AND FRIENDS. AND JOSEPH FRED POWELL, WHO PASSED AWAY
15 ON MARCH 20TH 2003. HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY WITH HONOR IN THE
16 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM 1954 TO '58. HE SERVED AS A
17 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 DEFENSE FOR THE DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY. HE RETIRED
19 AFTER 35 YEARS AS A REGIONAL AUDIT MANAGER, THE ONLY AFRICAN-
20 AMERICAN EVER TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
21 WIFE OPAL POWELL AND TWO DAUGHTERS, VALERIE BOYER AND ALLISON
22 MOORE. AND THOMAS COPELAND, WHO PASSED AWAY MARCH 22ND,
23 VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF CARSON AND
24 HUSBAND TO GOLDA COPELAND, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CARSON
25 WOMEN'S CLUB. BILL COSTCO, A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES ROTARY



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1 CLUB, AN OFFICER AND VERY ACTIVE WITH THE LOS ANGELES ROTARY
2 CLUB. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARYANNE AND THREE CHILDREN,
3 MARIE, JACKIE, AND TONY. AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
4 MOVED TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ASSOCIATES -- FORMER ASSOCIATE
5 JUSTICE OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT MARCUS KAUFMAN. I
6 SIMPLY WANTED TO ADD TO HIS WIFE, EILEEN, TWO DAUGHTERS AND
7 FIVE GRANDCHILDREN MY REAL DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND I GRADUATED IN
8 THAT SAME LAW CLASS FROM U.S.C. A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL PERSON
9 OVER THE YEARS. SO ORDERED. THERE IS ONE ITEM I THINK THAT WE
10 HAVE NOT COVERED -- OH. WE WANTED TO COME BACK. SUPERVISOR
11 YAROSLAVSKY WANTED TO COME BACK TO 73-A, WHICH WAS
12 RECONSIDERED.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I APOLOGIZE. I THOUGHT THAT THE
15 C.A.O. WAS MAKING -- ACTUALLY, HE DID, BUT I LOST MY
16 CONCENTRATION THERE BETWEEN THE TIME HE SPOKE AND THE TIME WE
17 VOTED, SO I UNDERSTOOD THAT -- THAT'S A PRETTY HONEST
18 ASSESSMENT. YOU SHOULD BE HONEST ABOUT IT WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR
19 CONCENTRATION MORE OFTEN, TOO, YEAH. THERE WERE A SERIES OF
20 BILLS THAT WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY OPPOSED WHICH YOU OUTLINED IN
21 YOUR PRESENTATION, AND THEN THERE IS A SERIES OF BILLS THAT WE
22 DID NOT OPPOSE, WE MIGHT HAVE EVEN SUPPORTED THAT WERE ALSO
23 PART OF THAT GLOBAL MOTION THAT WAS APPROVED. WHAT I'D LIKE TO
24 DO IS MOVE AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE KNABE/ANTONOVICH MOTION IS
25 THAT WE SUPPORT THEIR MOTION AS IT RELATES TO THOSE BILLS THAT



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1 WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN A POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO, BUT NOT ON
2 ANY OF THE OTHER BILLS THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THE PATRIGAN
3 BILL. IS THAT CLEAR? AND YOU'VE GOT THE LISTS OF THE BILLS AND
4 IT WOULD NOT BE HARD FOR US TO TRACK IT, IS THAT RIGHT? SO
5 THAT WE WOULD BE, IN OTHER WORDS, BE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT
6 WE'VE PREVIOUSLY DONE, BUT WE SHOULDN'T -- I MEAN I DON'T WANT
7 TO BE GOING UP THERE OPPOSING BILLS NOW THAT I SUPPORTED OR
8 MAY EVEN SUPPORT, AND THIS DOES IT ALL IN ONE FELL SWOOP, THE
9 MOTION BEFORE US.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SOME OF THEM, WE TOOK NO POSITION ON.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT, SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO TAKE NO
14 POSITION ON IT OR --

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'VE NEVER MOVED FROM NO POSITION TO A POSITION
17 BEFORE, HAVE WE?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL WE SHOULD -- IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT,
20 WE OUGHT TO DO THAT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, THAT'S NOT A
21 PROBLEM TO ME, BUT I JUST --

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO THAT'S YOUR AMENDMENT, THAT YOU
24 WOULD SUPPORT THOSE THINGS THAT WE --

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPPORT THE KNABE/ANTONOVICH MOTION AS IT
2 RELATES TO THOSE BILLS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN ON RECORD
3 OPPOSING.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONLY.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONLY.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT? ALL
10 RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 32 WAS HELD, ALL
11 RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS HOLDING THAT, TOO.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SHOULD WE GET THE LIBRARIAN? DO YOU
16 WANT?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UH, WE COULD. AND THE C.A.O. IS REALLY MORE
19 OF INTEREST TO ME THAN THE LIBRARIAN, 'CAUSE I KNOW WHAT THE
20 LIBRARIAN'S DOING, SHE'S JUST TRYING TO GET MONEY. HERE'S MY
21 PROBLEM -- OR MY QUESTION. I THINK I HAVE A PROBLEM. THE
22 AGENDA SAYS THAT ALSO APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IN
23 THE AMOUNT OF 2.3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR LIBRARY OPERATIONS
24 INVOLVING THE USE OF ADDITIONAL FUND BALANCE OF 2.293 MILLION
25 DOLLARS THAT WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED IN THE BUDGET AND



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1 IS CURRENTLY RESERVED IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S APPROPRIATION
2 FOR CONTINGENCY, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. I BELIEVE YOU HAVE SAID
3 THAT THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO -- YOU'RE ANTICIPATING
4 THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A DEFICIT IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR
5 OF, WHAT, SEVEN MILLION?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AT LEAST SEVEN MILLION.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AT LEAST SEVEN MILLION. THIS WOULD MAKE IT
10 NINE MILLION, WOULDN'T IT? OR IT WOULD REDUCE IT TO FIVE
11 MILLION IF WE DIDN'T SPEND IT.

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WOULD REDUCE IT IF YOU DIDN'T SPEND IT,
14 RIGHT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO BY DOING THIS NOW -- AND BY THE WAY, I
17 DON'T SEE, WHEN I LOOK AT THE LIST OF THINGS IT'S GOING TO BE
18 SPENT FOR, IT'S NOT ALL OPERATIONS. THERE'S SOME EXTRAORDINARY
19 MAINTENANCE, AND MAINTENANCE PUBLIC CAPITAL KINDS OF THINGS IN
20 HERE, AND SOME OF IT IS OPERATIONS. IF WE APPROVE THIS TODAY,
21 THEN YOU'RE FORCING US -- YOU'RE FORCING THE LIBRARY
22 DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS THEN GOING TO TRY TO PUT US IN A POSITION
23 OF HAVING TO COME UP WITH SEVEN OR MORE MILLION DOLLARS TO
24 FILL THEIR HOLE WHEN WE'RE NOW IN APRIL 1ST, THIS IS THE FINAL
25 QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR. I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY CAN SPEND



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1 THIS KIND OF MONEY. I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY WEREN'T BUDGETED FOR
2 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OR FOR EXTERMINATION SERVICES AT THE
3 NORWALK LIBRARY OR FOR SECURITY SERVICES AT THE COMPTON AND
4 LANCASTER LIBRARY. IS THIS PART OF THEIR BUDGET? DID THIS JUST
5 COME UP IN THE LAST QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR? GROUNDS
6 MAINTENANCE AT CULVER CITY, AGORA HILLS LEASE, UTILITIES AT
7 THE AGORA HILLS FACILITY, WASN'T THAT BUDGETED? WHAT DID WE
8 BUDGET FOR THEN IF WE DIDN'T BUDGET UTILITIES AT AGORA HILLS
9 AND SECURITY AT VARIOUS OTHER PLACES? WHY ARE WE FACED WITH
10 RIPPING OFF ALMOST 2-1/2 MILLION DOLLARS OF MONEY NOW THAT HAS
11 SUDDENLY APPEARED, WHICH IS GOING TO EXACERBATE OUR PROBLEM
12 JUST TWO MONTHS FROM NOW?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF
15 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF EXPENDITURES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS
16 PROPOSAL. SOME OF THEM ARE OPERATIONS, AND THAT'S THE 329,000
17 -- ABOUT 340,000 ARE OPERATION COSTS THAT ARE ABOVE WHAT THEY
18 ANTICIPATED IN THE BUDGET, SO IT'S MORE COSTLY THAN THEY HAD
19 BUDGETED. THE MONEY THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS FUND BALANCE
20 FROM LAST YEAR, THAT WE WOULD HAVE COME TO YOU IN SEPTEMBER,
21 OCTOBER, WHEN WE DID THE REST OF THE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE BUDGET
22 AND MADE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO SPEND THIS MONEY FOR
23 THE CAPITAL PROJECTS' MAJOR MAINTENANCE. THE LIBRARY WAS NOT
24 READY AT THAT TIME TO DO THAT. SO IT DIDN'T HAPPEN IN THE
25 FALL, THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SEEING IT SO LATE. WE TALKED TO THE



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1 LIBRARY WHEN WE HAD THE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS IN FEBRUARY ABOUT
2 DOING EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID, WHY SHOULDN'T WE ROLL THIS OVER
3 TO NEXT YEAR, AND REDUCE THE DEFICIT NEXT YEAR, AND THE
4 LIBRARY'S RESPONSE WAS APART FROM THOSE UNANTICIPATED
5 EXPENDITURES, MOST OF THE OTHER PROJECTS ARE UNDERWAY AND IF
6 THE MONEY WAS NOT USED, THEY WOULD HAVE TO MAKE REDUCTIONS IN
7 THE BUDGET THIS YEAR. SO YOU ALMOST HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS
8 PROJECT BY PROJECT TO REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW MANY WERE CARRIED
9 OVER FROM '01/'02 AND ARE UNDERWAY AND HOW MANY WERE STARTED
10 THIS YEAR --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, DAVID, THAT'S NOT AN ACCEPTABLE OR A
13 SATISFACTORY ANSWER OR POSITION, BECAUSE IF THEY'RE UNDERWAY,
14 THEN WHY WEREN'T THEY BUDGETED?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL BECAUSE, WE DO -- I MEAN, WE DO A LOT OF
17 -- WE DON'T ROLL OVER ANY MONEY OTHER THAN CAPITAL PROJECTS,
18 SO IF THEY WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION '01/'02 AND THEY DIDN'T
19 SPEND ALL THE MONEY, IT ROLLS TO FUND BALANCE. THAT SHOULD
20 HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED IN SEPTEMBER.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE CONTINUE THIS ITEM A
23 WEEK OR TWO WEEKS, AND GET A DETAILED LISTING OF WHAT HAS BEEN
24 STARTED, HOW MUCH HAS BEEN EXPENDED, HOW MUCH OF IT COULD BE
25 SUSPENDED, IF WE HAD TO. BECAUSE, LOOK, THE SHERIFF'S



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1 RELEASING PRISONERS THIS MORNING. WE'RE ASKING THE DISTRICT
2 ATTORNEY TO CUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN HIS PROSECUTORIAL
3 STAFF. EVERYBODY'S TAKING A HIT. AND WHAT THIS IS GOING TO DO
4 IS IT JUST PUTS US IN A TOUGHER -- YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO
5 HAPPEN COME BUDGET TIME, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE EVERY LIBRARY
6 SUPPORTER, RIGHTLY SO, IN THIS COUNTY, ASKING US TO MAKE THE
7 DEPARTMENT WHOLE, AND I'D RATHER HAVE A 5-MILLION-DOLLAR
8 PROBLEM THAN A 7-1/2-MILLION-DOLLAR PROBLEM TO TRY TO MAKE
9 THEM WHOLE, AND WE'RE JUST -- TO ME, THIS IS -- THIS
10 DEPARTMENT WOULD BE -- IF WE DID THIS, ASSUMING -- ASSUMING MY
11 LOGIC IS RIGHT, WHICH IT MAY NOT BE, AND MY INFORMATION'S
12 RIGHT, WE'D BE DOING SOMETHING FOR THIS DEPARTMENT WE'RE NOT
13 DOING FOR ANYBODY ELSE, THAT I'M AWARE OF. SO ANYWAY, I'D LIKE
14 TO GET A --

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE CAN DO THAT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD TAKE A WEEK, COULD YOU HAVE A LIST
19 LIKE THAT? I'D ASK THAT WE CONTINUE THIS A WEEK AND GET A
20 DETAILED LIST. IF YOU CAN GET IT TO US BEFORE THE CLOSE OF
21 BUSINESS MONDAY SO WE CAN SPEND ALL MONDAY NIGHT READING IT
22 THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. WILL DO.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THIS BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION. I HAVE JUST ONE MOTION THAT I'M GOING TO
3 ASK TO BE BROUGHT UP TODAY. I SAW ON TELEVISION YESTERDAY THAT
4 SPOUSES OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE
5 PERSIAN GULF AS PART OF OUR ARMED FORCES ARE NOW BEING DENIED
6 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS, PARTICULARLY FOOD STAMPS AND
7 THEY'RE INELIGIBLE FOR THOSE FOOD STAMPS THEY WERE RECEIVING
8 BEFORE BECAUSE THE MILITARY PAY CAN MAKE THE FAMILY
9 FINANCIALLY INELIGIBLE BECAUSE THEY GET AN ADDITIONAL \$150 FOR
10 COMBAT PAY AND \$300 FOR PER DIEM PAYMENT WHEN THEY'RE OVER IN
11 COMBAT. AS A RESULT, MANY OF THE FAMILIES NO LONGER HAVE --
12 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS AND FOR SOME OF THE PUBLIC
13 ASSISTANCE BENEFITS. AS A RESULT, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT
14 THERE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER PAMPERS AND FOOD FOR THESE
15 FAMILIES THAT ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS BECAUSE
16 THEY'RE GETTING COMBAT PAY, AND I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER PREPARE A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE
18 GOVERNOR, WITH COPIES TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DELEGATION
19 PROPOSING EMERGENCY LEGISLATION ON BEHALF OF PERSONS
20 PERFORMING ACTIVE DUTY IN ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES
21 IN THE PERSIAN GULF TO EXEMPT THE EARNINGS OF THESE PERSONS
22 FROM CONSIDERATION AS INCOME WHEN DETERMINING THEIR FAMILY'S
23 ELIGIBILITY FOR CALWORKS AND FOOD STAMPS AND TO CONSIDER THESE
24 PERSONS AS ABSENT FOR PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING DEPRIVATION TO
25 CHILDREN. WHAT HAPPENS NOW IS THEY AREN'T CONSIDERED ABSENT



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1 BECAUSE OF A TECHNICALITY, AND I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT
2 THE C.A.O. AND D.P.S.S. TO SEEK AN AUTHOR FOR THE PROPOSED
3 LEGISLATION AND REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITH THEIR PROGRESS
4 WITHIN 15 DAYS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT THIS BE TAKEN UP AS AN
5 EMERGENCY MEASURE. MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY OPPOSITION? WITHOUT
6 OPPOSITION, THEN IT'S APPROVED AS AN EMERGENCY. I'D SO MOVE
7 THE MEASURE. MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
8 ORDERED. IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER? OH, SUPERVISOR
9 YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE TWO, MADAM CHAIR. I'D ASK THAT WE
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TAMMY GINSBURG, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
13 OUR DISTRICT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SHERMAN OAKS CHAMBER OF
14 COMMERCE WHO TRAGICALLY LOST HER LIFE IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AT
15 THE AGE OF 61. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS BRAD AND GREG
16 GINSBURG. AND I ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
17 HARRY ELLIS DIXON. HE WAS THE LONG TIME VIOLINIST AND
18 ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR WITH THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE
19 BOSTON POPS ORCHESTRA UNDER ARTHUR FIEDLER, WHO PASSED AWAY
20 OVER THE WEEKEND AFTER A SUDDEN ILLNESS AT THE AGE OF 94. HE
21 IS THE FATHER OF KITTY DUKAKIS, AND THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF
22 MICHAEL DUKAKIS, FORMER GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSSETTES, AND A
23 GREAT MUSICIAN, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY, THAT'S
24 ALL I HAVE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIALS?

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE'VE COVERED THEM ALL.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF THERE'S NOTHING ELSE, WE'LL GO TO THE
6 HEALTH AGENDA. I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. GARTHWAITE TO PLEASE COME
7 FORWARD, REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES ON THE
8 FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THEN MISCELLANEOUS OR
9 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA.

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SUPERVISORS, YOU HAVE A COMPLETE REPORT
12 IN FRONT OF YOU. I THINK OVERALL, OUR FINANCIAL STATUS IS
13 OBVIOUSLY BETTER THAN IT HAS BEEN SINCE WE'VE UPDATED IT, BUT
14 IT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN -- UNCERTAINTIES, BOTH IN THE
15 POSITIVE AND A NEGATIVE DIRECTION, AND I THINK WE ALWAYS TRY
16 TO REFLECT THAT IN OUR REPORTS. A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THIS
17 REPORT OVER OTHERS IS THAT WE HAVE PROJECTED A BUDGET FARTHER
18 INTO THE FUTURE THAN WE HAVE IN PREVIOUS REPORTS. IN PREVIOUS
19 REPORTS, FOR INSTANCE, IN THE JUNE PLAN, WE PROJECTED THE
20 DEFICITS OUT TO 2005, 2006. DURING OUR NEGOTIATIONS OF THE
21 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WE PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL WHERE WE LOOKED
22 FOR 90% BLOCK GRANT FUNDING. AND WHEN YOU PROJECTED THAT OUT,
23 IT APPEARED THAT OUR DEFICIT -- OUR NEED WAS 1.4 BILLION. THAT
24 WAS NOT BASED ON A PROJECTION OF OUR ACTUAL SURPLUS OR DEFICIT
25 INTO THE YEARS 2006/7 OR 7/8, BUT WAS INDEED PART OF THAT



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1 PROPOSAL. AND SO THIS BUDGET NOW REFLECTS THAT CORRECTION AND
2 A VARIETY OF OTHER CORRECTIONS WHICH ARE DETAILED IN
3 ATTACHMENT 2. IN ADDITION, WE'RE MOVING ALONG ON IMPLEMENTING
4 THE IMPORTANT PARTS OF SCENARIO 3 TO ACHIEVE OUR COST SAVINGS,
5 AND I WOULD JUST TELL YOU THAT ONE OF THE KEY PIECES UNDER
6 THAT IN PSYCHIATRY, WE'RE HAVING THE MOST DIFFICULTY COMING UP
7 WITH THOSE SAVINGS. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS
8 PROPOSED GIVING US 17.6 MILLION DOLLARS LESS THIS YEAR BASED
9 ON WHAT THEY'RE PAYING IN OTHER FACILITIES. WE HAVE HAD
10 MULTIPLE MEETINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
11 WITH OUR PSYCHIATRIST AND WE THINK THAT THERE ARE STILL
12 SIGNIFICANT ISSUES IN ACHIEVING THAT DEGREE OF SAVINGS AND
13 WE'LL HAVE SOME MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO BRING BACK AT A
14 LATER TIME.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO ASK -- I'M TRYING TO
19 UNDERSTAND THIS, LOOKING AT YOUR FISCAL OUTLOOK, ATTACHMENT
20 ONE, IN YOUR REPORT, THE LATEST ESTIMATE OF THE OPERATING --
21 THE ANNUAL OPERATING SHORTFALL, IF I'M READING THIS CORRECTLY,
22 IN THE TOTAL COLUMN IS 242 MILLION DOLLARS GREATER -- A
23 GREATER DEFICIT THAN YOUR PREVIOUS FORECAST. IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S CAUSED THAT?

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT'S DETAILED ON THE NEXT PAGE,
5 ATTACHMENT 2.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, I WAS ON ATTACHMENT ONE, BUT HE'S NOW
8 LOOKING AT ATTACHMENT TWO.

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. AND SO WE TRIED TO DETAIL THE
11 FORECAST UPDATE OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME. LIKE I SAID, THERE
12 ARE REALLY A COUPLE OF THINGS. THERE ARE ALL THE DETAILED
13 PIECES THAT, AS THEY COME IN, WE KEEP ADJUSTING THOSE ARE
14 RELATIVELY SMALL. THEN IN ADDITION, IN THE YEARS 2006/7, AND
15 7/8, WE HAD NEVER PROJECTED A SURPLUS OR DEFICIT OUT INTO
16 THOSE YEARS. SO I THINK MANY WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT WE
17 HAD BECAUSE WHEN WE PUT FORWARD THIS 90% BLOCK GRANT PROPOSAL
18 TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IT GOT PROJECTED OUT INTO THOSE
19 YEARS, THE 90% BLOCK GRANT DID, BUT THAT WAS NOT AT THAT TIME
20 RELATED TO THE SURPLUS OR DEFICIT THAT WE WOULD'VE PROJECTED
21 AT THAT TIME.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT HOW DOES THAT RELATE TO THE 200 -- JUST
24 WALK ME THROUGH HOW YOU GET AN ADDITIONAL 200-MILLION-DOLLAR
25 HOLE. WHAT AM I MISSING HERE? WHAT'S THE BIGGEST ITEM



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1 CONTRIBUTING TO THAT ADDITIONAL 200 MILLION DOLLAR HOLE, ON
2 ATTACHMENT 2?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE 59.1 MILLION AND THE 107.7 MILLION
5 IN THE FORECAST UPDATES ARE RELATED TO OUR PROJECTED ACTUAL
6 SURPLUS OR DEFICIT, IN THIS CASE, DEFICIT IN THE YEARS 2006/7
7 AND 7/8.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT'S, AND THAT'S BASED ON WHAT
10 ASSUMPTIONS ARE YOU MAKING ABOUT 06/07 AND 07/08?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THOSE YEARS --

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS SUCH AS THE
17 COST OF LIVING, PHARMACEUTICAL INFLATION RATE, MEDICAL CARE
18 INFLATION RATE AND REVENUE PROJECTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO COMPARED TO SIX WEEKS AGO, WHEN YOU HAD
21 THE LAST FORECAST, YOU DID NOT HAVE 07 AND 08 IN YOUR
22 CALCULATIONS FOR THE CUMULATIVE?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE DID NOT HAVE THE ACTUAL SURPLUS OR
25 DEFICIT. AS I SAID, WE REFERRED TO THOSE IN I THINK IN



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1 RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSAL WE'D MADE TO THE FEDERAL
2 GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS WE HAD COMMONLY
3 CIRCULATED IN THE PAST AND WE FELT WE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS
4 UPDATE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE YOU ASSUMING IN TERMS OF THE PROP
7 "B" INFLATIONARY INCREASES IN '07/'08, ARE YOU ASSUMING?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL CURRENTLY WE'VE NOT PUT ANY IN. I
10 THINK THAT ONE OF THE -- THE MEDICAL CARE INFLATION RATE WOULD
11 BE UP TO THE BOARD TO APPROVE EACH YEAR THE INCREASE IN SQUARE
12 FOOTAGE ACROSS THE COUNTY, OBVIOUSLY WE DID NOT PROJECT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE MEDICAL INFLATION RATE IS NOT GOING
15 TO REMAIN AT ZERO FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. ABSOLUTELY NOT AND IT'S PRETTY
18 BRISK RIGHT NOW, SO THAT YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
19 CONSERVATIVE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A SLIGHTLY ONE-SIDED CALCULATION.
22 CONSERVATIVE.

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT'S CONSERVATIVE. WE TRADITIONALLY PUT
25 IN THINGS THAT WE KNOW ABOUT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE. THE SECOND QUESTION I HAD WAS
3 YOU EXPECTED TO HAVE 80 MILLION DOLLARS SURPLUS IN THIS FISCAL
4 YEAR AND PREVIOUSLY IT WAS ZERO. WHAT HAPPENED THERE? WITH
5 THAT 81.7 I THINK?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** 81.7, I THINK THE BREAKOUT IS THE
8 STATE'S SHARE OF THE MEDI-CAL, I THINK WE GOT THAT TODAY, THE
9 C.H.P. EQUITY DISTRIBUTION AND A COUPLE OF OTHER SMALLER
10 ITEMS. WE'RE ALSO NOTING A SIGNIFICANT ATTRITION AND A
11 SLOWNESS IN HIRING ARE RELATED TO OUR BUDGET CHALLENGES AND I
12 THINK IT'S TO BE EXPECTED WHEN, YOU KNOW, GIVEN THE ISSUES
13 THAT WE HAVE BOTH IN THE PRESS AND WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION, SO
14 HIGHER THAN AVERAGE -- A HIGHER-THAN-ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF
15 RETIREES THIS SPRING.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE ALSO PROJECTING A FUND BALANCE OF 333
18 MILLION DOLLARS VERSUS 130 MILLION IN A PREVIOUS ESTIMATE. IS
19 THAT RIGHT? THIS YEAR'S FUND BALANCE?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MMM-HMM, YES.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THAT'S JUST THE SUM OF THAT
2 COLUMN, AND SO IT'S INCREASED BECAUSE THE SURPLUS OR SHORTFALL
3 CHANGED.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU HAVE THE ADDITIONAL 80 MILLION FROM THE
6 STATE AND --

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S JUST THE FRONT LOADING --

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE ONE-TIME MONEY COMING IN, THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ONE-TIME MONEY, WHICH DECLINES OVER THE
13 SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** ON THE C.H.P. EQUITY DISTRIBUTION, YOU SHOW LIKE
16 20.8 MILLION, THE NUMBER WE DISCUSSED THIS MORNING. I USED 35,
17 I THINK ZEV USED 43. WHERE ARE THOSE OTHER DOLLARS?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YOU LOOK IN ATTACHMENT 2, YOU SEE THAT
20 THEY'RE BROUGHT IN OVER A COUPLE OF YEAR'S TIME AND IN PART TO
21 MAINTAIN SOME NET EQUITY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** SO YOU SPREAD IT OVER.

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST TO GET BACK TO -- THE YEAR-END FUND
3 BALANCE IN THE FISCAL YEAR '02/'03 COLUMN, THE 332 MILLION,
4 HOW DO YOU -- IN EACH OF THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS, YOU TAKE THE
5 YEAR-END FUND BALANCE AND YOU PLOW IT BACK INTO THE BEGINNING
6 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S BALANCE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU LOOK
7 AT '03/'04 AT THE BOTTOM, IT SAYS 310.7 MILLION, THEN IN
8 '04/'05, UNDER BEGINNING CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FUND BALANCE IT
9 STARTS AT 310.7, 310.7 MILLION DOLLARS. AND THE SAME FOR THE
10 FOLLOWING YEAR, 197.3, GETS PLOWED INTO THE FOLLOWING FISCAL
11 YEAR, IS THE BEGINNING BALANCE AT 197.3. BUT IN '02/'03 YOU'RE
12 AT 332.7 MILLION, BUT YOU ONLY PLOW BACK 130 MILLION INTO
13 '03/'04. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT 200-MILLION-DOLLAR DIFFERENCE?

14

15 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, IN '02/'03, SUPERVISOR, WE HAD A SURPLUS, IF
16 YOU LOOK IN THAT COLUMN ABOUT A THIRD OF THE WAY DOWN, OF
17 ABOUT 81.7 MILLION DOLLARS, THAT 81.7 PLUS THE 121, WHICH IS
18 THE SECOND FROM THE LAST NUMBER IN THAT COLUMN ADD UP TO ABOUT
19 202 MILLION DOLLARS. THAT WAS ALREADY FACTORED INTO THE 326-
20 MILLION-DOLLAR DEFICIT AT THE TOP, AND YOU CAN SEE, IF YOU
21 LOOK -- THIS IS A VERY COMPLICATED EXPLANATION, I APOLOGIZE
22 FOR THAT, BUT WHAT WE TRY TO DO ON THE SCHEDULE IS TO BE ABLE
23 TO KEEP THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHEDULE
24 PURE AND SO BUT IN THE FIRST YEAR, WE HAD A SURPLUS THAT WE
25 PLOWED INTO THE BUDGET THAT WAS NOT TRUE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT



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1 YEAR, SO THAT 202, WHICH IS THE BALANCE OF THE 332, IN OTHER
2 WORDS, IF YOU ADD 332 ON THE 130, IT'S CARRIED OVER TO
3 2003/2004?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

6

7 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY, THAT 202 MILLION DOLLARS IS ALREADY FACTORED
8 INTO THE 326, AND I GUESS OUR NEXT ITERATION OF THIS WILL
9 PROVIDE SOME KIND OF EXPLANATORY FOOTNOTE TO THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S IN '02/'03?

12

13 **GARY WELLS:** IT'S IN '03/'04. IT'S ALREADY PLOWED INTO BEFORE
14 YOU GET TO THE 326 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WITHOUT THAT 202 MILLION, THE DEFICIT
17 WOULD'VE BEEN 528 MILLION?

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL WHY ARE THESE THE ONLY TWO YEARS WHERE
22 THIS --

23

24 **GARY WELLS:** IT'S ACTUALLY ONLY ONE YEAR WHERE --

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY IS THAT THE ONLY YEAR WHERE THIS SHOWS
2 UP THAT WAY AND THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS IT'S PRETTY EASY TO READ?
3

4 **GARY WELLS:** BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY YEAR THAT WE ACTUALLY PLOWED
5 THE SURPLUS INTO THE FORECAST NUMBER, AND I SUPPOSE THERE'S
6 PROBABLY A BETTER WAY TO PRESENT THIS, BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU
7 ARE IS THAT THE BOTTOM LINE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT. IN FACT MY
8 STAFF AND I SPENT ABOUT THE LAST HOUR GOING THROUGH THIS VERY
9 COMPUTATION.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY LAST QUESTION IS ON THE CUTS AND THE
12 REDUCTIONS IN SCENARIO THREE, THEY ARE COMPOSED OF BOTH CUTS
13 AND FUND BALANCE EXPENDITURES TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT. HOW MUCH
14 OF IT IS REDUCTIONS, IS TRUE EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS OF THE
15 DEFICIT AND HOW MUCH OF THE DEFICIT IS BEING TAKEN CARE OF
16 THROUGH FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATIONS?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE'RE STILL TARGETING, MAKING UP THE
19 350 MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS AND EFFICIENCIES THAT WE PRESENTED
20 IN THE JUNE REPORT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO THOSE 357 MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS AND
23 EFFICIENCIES INCLUDE EXPENDITURES FROM FUND BALANCE, OR IS
24 THAT SEPARATE AND APART FROM ANY FUND BALANCE BEING USED TO
25 MITIGATE THE DEFICIT?



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SEPARATE. IT'S SEPARATE.

3

4 **GARY WELLS:** SEPARATE. THE 350 ONE MILLION OR 350 1.9 WHATEVER
5 IT IS IS MEANT TO BE ACTUAL SAVINGS FROM REDUCTIONS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:**.. OKAY. SO ANY TIME HERE WHERE WE TALK ABOUT
8 REDUCTIONS AND ARE YOU SAYING THAT EVERY REFERENCE TO
9 REDUCTIONS IS A CUT AND NOT A FUND BALANCE TRANSFER?

10

11 **GARY WELLS:** I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK ONE NUMBER, THE 200
16 MILLION STRUCTURAL -- ONGOING STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IS THE NUMBER
17 THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS THAT HAS
18 NOT BEEN RESOLVED. IF YOU LOOK AT THE 05/06 COLUMN, THAT'S THE
19 COLUMN THAT WE WERE TARGETING STARTING IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR,
20 THE DEFICIT OF 709 MILLION DOLLARS. IF YOU REDUCE 357 AND YOU
21 REDUCE 140 MILLION IN MEASURE B, THOSE ARE THE TWO ACTIONS
22 THAT HAVE HAPPENED SINCE THAT TIME, THE NET IS GOING TO BE
23 ABOUT 205-MILLION-DOLLAR SHORT FALL. ALL THAT'S HAPPENING IN
24 THE PRIOR YEARS IS THE USE OF ONE-TIME MONEY TO BALANCE THE
25 BUDGET AS THE REDUCTIONS KICK IN AND THE OTHER MONEY COMES IN,



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1 SO THAT 200 MILLION IS STILL THERE AS A SHORTFALL. YOU GO ON
2 TO 06/07, 07/08, THEN YOU'RE ADDING ABOUT A HUNDRED MILLION
3 DOLLARS OF ADDITIONAL COST TO EACH OF THOSE YEARS THAT WERE
4 NOT IN THE PRIOR FORECAST. SO THIS IS THE DEFICIT THAT WE'VE
5 ALWAYS SAID WILL CONTINUE ON IN THIS DEPARTMENT UNTIL
6 SOMETHING DRAMATIC HAS CHANGED NATIONWIDE OR STATEWIDE, BUT
7 THAT 709 FIGURE IN '05/'06 IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS IT HAS BEEN,
8 EVEN WITH ALL THE ADJUSTMENTS INDICATED ON THE NEXT PAGE AND
9 THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEM IS ABOUT 205 MILLION DOLLARS ONGOING.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE BOTTOM LINE OF ALL OF THIS IS THAT
12 THROUGH '05/'06, YOU'RE JUST ABOUT BREAKING EVEN.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT ASSUMES NOT ONLY THE REVENUES FROM
17 MEASURE B, WHICH HAVE BECOME THOROUGHLY CRITICAL TO EVERYTHING
18 HERE, BUT ALSO THE CUTS, WHICH ARE ALSO CRITICAL TO EVERYTHING
19 HERE.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ABSOLUTELY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE COMBINATION OF THE 140 OR 150 MILLION
24 THAT MEASURE B MEANS TO THE COUNTY AND THE 357 MILLION DOLLARS
25 IN CUTS WHICH ALL AND ARE FINANCIALLY TO THE BENEFIT OF THE



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1 COUNTY ARE ALL CRITICAL TO GETTING TO THE 34-MILLION-DOLLAR
2 FIGURE, WHICH IS BASICALLY BALANCED IN '05/'06. TO THE EXTENT
3 THAT WE DON'T DO THAT, WE GROW THE DEFICIT, IS THAT CLEAR?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO, GO AHEAD, THE BOTTOM LINE IS SOMEWHERE
8 WE HAVE TO GET IN 06/07 TO 265 MILLION, IS THAT THE AMOUNT?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TO IDENTIFY --

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** -- FROM SOME OUTSIDE SOURCE OR OTHER --

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL WE HAVE TO EITHER FACE, RIGHT, WE HAVE TO
19 FACE THE ISSUE AGAIN OF IT -- EXCUSE ME, ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR
20 ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS. THE MANAGED CARE RATE INCREASE IS NOT
21 INCLUDED IN THESE FIGURES BECAUSE IT'S NOT DONE. THE DISH
22 FLEXIBILITY IS NOT INCLUDED IN THESE FIGURES BECAUSE IT'S NOT
23 DONE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU LOOK AT THE SMALL PRINT UNDER
24 "G," WE'RE BACK TO THE UNKNOWN IMPACT OF THE UPPER PAYMENT
25 LIMIT, WHICH COULD BE SIGNIFICANT. SO -- AND THOSE TWO ARE



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1 BALANCED, BUT AS OF RIGHT NOW, WE WOULD NEED 265 MILLION
2 DOLLARS IN 06/07 TO BALANCE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THERE'S SOME REVENUE SOURCES THAT AREN'T IN
5 THERE YOU SAID, RIGHT?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH, MANAGED CARE AND DISH FLEXIBILITY.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT AMOUNTS TO ABOUT A HUNDRED?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. MAYBE 60 MILLION.

12

13 **GARY WELLS:** MANAGED CARE'S ABOUT 47 A YEAR RETROACTIVE TO LAST
14 OCTOBER AND DISH FLEXIBILITY, WE'RE ESTIMATING ABOUT 113 OVER
15 THE ENTIRE PERIOD.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OVER THE ENTIRE PERIOD.

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MAYBE 67 MILLION A YEAR, APPROXIMATELY.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL 67, WHICH BRINGS US
22 DOWN TO AROUND 2, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. WHY DO WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS
2 LATE WHEN THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE ITEM IS POSTED WEEKS
3 IN ADVANCE?

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK IN PART BECAUSE OF THE -- TO
6 BRING YOU SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION, WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL OF
7 THESE THINGS DELAYED, I THINK, BY ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS AND
8 ONGOING OTHER REPORTS THAT WE'RE WAITING ON. I THINK WE COULD
9 OBVIOUSLY COME AT ANY TIME AND GIVE YOU A STATUS AS OF THAT
10 DATE, BUT OFTEN WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATION AT THE
11 FEDERAL/STATE LEVEL, WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS OR
12 PLANNING WITH OTHER OUTSIDE AGENCIES, AND SO I THINK THAT'S
13 BEEN THE MAJOR THING THAT'S THROWN THOSE OFF.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE SHOULD HAVE HAD IT EARLIER. I MEAN, THE
16 BOTTOM LINE IS IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY COMPLICATED
17 UNDERTAKING, AS YOU KNOW, JUST TO DO ONE COLUMN, ONE PIECE OF
18 ONE COLUMN. AND PAGE 2, AGAIN, IS EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT,
19 BUT WE DEEM TO DO A BETTER JOB OF GETTING IT TO YOU EARLIER
20 THERE'S JUST --

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WE DIDN'T GET IT UNTIL LATE LAST NIGHT.

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT, AND IF YOU WANT
25 TO CONTINUE WITH THE DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM FOR A WEEK OR



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1 TWO, THAT WOULD BE FINE ALSO, TO HAVE A CHANCE TO TAKE A LOOK
2 AT IT AND FURTHER UNDERSTAND IT, BECAUSE IT IS AT THIS POINT
3 FORECAST INFORMATION BUT WE SHOULD HAVE HAD IT EARLIER.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHEN IS THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
6 OF THE WHOLE? COULD WE HAVE IT?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH, YOU CAN DO IT WHENEVER YOU WANT IT. I
9 MEAN YOU CAN CONTINUE IT FOR TWO WEEKS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TWO WEEKS FROM NOW OR, FOR A MONTH?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** TWO WEEKS? THREE WEEKS? TWO WEEKS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE GOING TO BE ANYTHING NEW THAT WE
16 HAVE IN TWO WEEKS?

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL TWO WEEKS, SUPERVISOR, WILL GIVE YOU AN
19 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WON'T BE HERE IN TWO WEEKS. CAN WE DO
22 THREE WEEKS?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THREE WEEKS, I WON'T BE HERE.

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WHAT'S THE DATE?

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT DATE IS THAT?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'D BE THE 22ND.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IS THAT OKAY?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE

12 COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE ON HEALTH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. ALSO, WHY IS THERE A LONG DELAY FROM

15 THE STATE IN SUBMITTING A REQUEST TO THE FEDS FOR

16 DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF HOSPITAL'S GRANT FLEXIBILITY AND

17 INCREASE IN MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLAN RATES?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YOU KNOW, I THINK WE WENT BACK AND

20 REWORKED THAT AND SO IT TOOK US A LITTLE PERIOD OF TIME AND

21 THEN WE SENT IT TO THE STATE AND I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO

22 FULLY UNDERSTAND IT AND MAKE SURE IT'S CONSISTENT WITH THEIR

23 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. I THINK THEY'RE ALSO QUITE

24 OVERWHELMED WITH ALL THEIR BUDGET CHALLENGES AND SO FORTH



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1 THERE, BUT I CAN'T ANSWER ANYMORE. DO YOU KNOW ANY MORE, I
2 THINK THAT'S --

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THE CHANGE IN STATE LAW OCCURS, HOW LONG
5 WILL IT TAKE FOR THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE FLEXIBILITY IN DISH
6 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING FUNDING?

7

8 **GARY WELLS:** DISH FLEXIBILITY IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A STATE LAW
9 CHANGE THAT WE'D HAVE TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO EFFECT IT.
10 IF THAT'S PASSED, HOPEFULLY IT COULD BE MADE EFFECTIVE NEXT
11 FISCAL YEAR. DISH FLEXIBILITY PROVIDES MONEY WHEN WE HAVE
12 FACILITIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING DISH DOLLARS AND THOSE
13 FACILITIES EITHER DOWNSIZE OR CLOSE, AND AS WE GO FORWARD WITH
14 RANCHO AND HIGH DESERT, THAT'S REALLY WHAT TRIGGERS OUR
15 ABILITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DISH FLEXIBILITY THAT WE'RE
16 SEEKING.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF WE DON'T RECEIVE THE DISH INCREASE AND THE
19 MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE RATES, WILL WE STILL BE LOOKING AT
20 SCENARIO THREE, OR SCENARIO TWO?

21

22 **GARY WELLS:** NEITHER ONE OF THOSE IS FACTORED INTO THE CURRENT
23 FORECAST SCHEDULE THAT WE'VE GIVEN YOU. THOSE ARE THE
24 ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT WE WOULD HOPE WOULD MATERIALIZE TO HELP
25 CLOSE THE GAPS IN THE FUTURE YEARS THAT ARE ON OUR SCHEDULE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE MONEY FOR THE 10 TO
3 20-MILLION-DOLLARS IN NET COUNTY COSTS TO OPERATE RANCHO?

4

5 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S IF -- YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IF WE WENT TO A
6 BRIDGE TO CONTINUE OPERATING AS A SMALLER MODEL?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, YOU'RE SCALED DOWN.

9

10 **GARY WELLS:** THE 18 OR SO MILLION DOLLARS THAT'S BASICALLY A
11 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT THE COSTS ARE AND REVENUES ARE
12 CURRENTLY AND WHAT THE NEW PROJECTIONS WOULD BE, SO AND WHEN
13 YOU CHANGE THE CLINICAL FOOTPRINT AND CONCENTRATE ON
14 REHABILITATION, MAYBE CLOSE A FEW PROGRAMS THAT -- WHERE THE
15 REVENUES DON'T KEEP UP WITH THE EXPENSES, THEN THE NET LEFT
16 OVER THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE UP TO KEEP IT OPEN IN TERMS OF
17 COUNTY COSTS IS ABOUT 18 MILLION.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT AREAS IS THE DEPARTMENT ASSESSING TO
20 MAKE UP FOR THIS 7.5-MILLION-DOLLAR SHORTFALL?

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL WE'VE HAD THE 7.5 MILLION DOLLARS,
23 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RUNNING THE CASCADE IN MAY AND DELAYING
24 IT TO RUN AT THE END OF JUNE ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT, I THINK
25 THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTION TO THAT WOULD BE THE FACT THAT WE'VE



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1 HAD SO MANY RETIREMENTS AND THE ATTRITION RATE HAS BEEN SUCH
2 THAT OUR -- THAT THE GAP IN HIRING CREATES A SIGNIFICANT
3 AMOUNT OF MONEY THERE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN COMMENT ON THE
4 AMOUNT OF THAT.

5

6 **GARY WELLS:** AND THERE ARE OTHER, I GUESS, OCCURRENCES IN THIS
7 YEAR'S FINANCIAL OUTCOME THAT WE THINK WILL PRODUCE FUNDS MORE
8 THAN SUFFICIENT TO OFFSET THE 7.5.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH MONEY THEN WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER
11 OF BUDGETED VACANT POSITIONS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ATTRITION
12 RATE IN THE DEPARTMENT COVER IF RANCHO IS NOT TARGETED FOR
13 CLOSURE BY JUNE 30TH?

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YOU MEAN IS THERE MONEY ABOVE THE 7.5?
16 I DON'T KNOW, DO YOU KNOW THAT?

17

18 **GARY WELLS:** THE SAVINGS THAT WE ANTICIPATE GETTING IF WE
19 CLOSED RANCHO BY JUNE 30 WOULD BE ABOUT 58.6 MILLION, SO I
20 GUESS ON A MONTHLY BASIS, I MEAN WE'RE LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL
21 OPERATING COSTS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU REDUCED THE 58 TO 18 BASED ON A DOWN-SIZED
24 MODEL.

25



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1 **GARY WELLS:** YOU CAN USE THAT AS WELL.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WE JUST HAD 20 MILLION THIS MORNING,

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK HIS QUESTION'S ARE WE MAKING UP
6 MORE THAN THE 7.5 AND IF SO HOW MUCH, IS THAT YOUR QUESTION I
7 THINK?

8

9 **GARY WELLS:** WELL THE CURRENT FORECAST SURPLUS FROM THE
10 DEPARTMENT IS 81.7 MILLION FOR THE SCHEDULE THAT'S PROVIDED IN
11 OUR REPORT. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT MONEY HAS TO BE DEDICATED
12 OTHER THAN TO DEFICIT REDUCTION, OUR DEFICIT GROWS BY THAT
13 SAME AMOUNT.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S THE ANSWER.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY RELATIVE TO SCENARIO THREE FOR HIGH
18 DESERT, WHAT DATE WILL WE RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM THE
19 DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE PILOT PROJECT?

20

21 **GARY WELLS:** THE HIGH DESERT, ONE WEEK, TWO WEEKS, TWO MORE
22 DAYS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY BECAUSE IT'S BEEN WHAT, THREE WEEKS AGO
25 THAT WE HAD SENATOR PRESLEY HERE WITH THE MEETING AND THE



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1 STATE WANTED THE FIGURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO
2 OPERATE THE -- OR CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY AND THEN THERE WAS
3 A DELAY IN GETTING THEM THOSE FIGURES. ARE WE NOW ON TRACK
4 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS?

5

6 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE THE SENATOR WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN
9 WANTING TO COOPERATE WITH THE COUNTY.

10

11 **FRED LEAF:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE SENATOR, SUPERVISOR,
12 HIS STAFF HAVE NOT BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE. THEY GOT THAT
13 PROPOSAL OVER A WEEK AGO AND THEY HAVE REFUSED TO EVEN RETURN
14 PHONE CALLS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM, THEN DID YOU
17 CALL ME SO I COULD CALL THE SENATOR DIRECTLY?

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, WE'RE HOPING TO WORK IT OUT WITH THE STAFF, I
20 MEAN SINCE IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN VERY
21 UNRESPONSIVE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT TAKES A WEEK AND WE'RE LOOKING AT DAYS AND
24 NOT YEARS IN RESOLVING THIS ISSUE. AS SOON AS THERE'S



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1 IMMEDIATE BREAKDOWN, YOU OUGHT TO CONTACT THE SUPERVISOR WHO
2 HAS A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SENATOR TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE.

3

4 **FRED LEAF:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. I AGREE AND I SHOULD HAVE
5 TOLD YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS IT BEEN CORRECTED NOW OR IS THERE STILL A
8 PROBLEM?

9

10 **FRED LEAF:** NO IT HAS NOT. WE HAVE NOT HEARD BACK FROM THEM AS
11 OF YET.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SENATOR PRESLEY IS NOW THE DIRECTOR OF THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND I SERVE WITH -- HE'S THE
15 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS ON WHICH I SERVE AND HE
16 HAD MENTIONED THIS TO ME AND HE GOT IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS A
17 RESULT AND HE IS ANXIOUS TO DO SOMETHING HERE, SO LET'S --
18 I'LL LET THAT --

19

20 **FRED LEAF:** AND BUT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THAT ACTION,
21 JUST SO YOU KNOW, IS NOT CONTINGENT ON ANY LIMITED TIME FRAME,
22 BECAUSE THAT WAS INCLUDED IN OUR PROPOSAL TO OPERATE THAT, SO
23 THE QUICKER THE BETTER BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME CONSTRUCTION TO DO
24 TO MAKE THE FACILITY READY TO ACCEPT THOSE KINDS OF PATIENTS,



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1 BUT WE AREN'T IN A SITUATION WHERE WE'RE GOING TO RUN OUT OF
2 TIME, YOU KNOW, IN THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR DAYS TO GET THAT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT A PILOT PROJECT,
5 IF IT IS TO BE A PILOT PROJECT, AND TO BE VIABLE, IT HAS TO
6 HAVE THE RESOURCES IN PLACE.

7

8 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, BUT THAT PROJECT IS ONE THE DEPARTMENT WANTS
9 TO RUN IRREGARDLESS OF THE PILOT PROJECT. WE WANT THAT TO BE A
10 PERMANENT --

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REGARDLESS.

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** YES, YES.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN WILL THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US WITH
17 PLANS FOR THE RENOVATIONS RELATED TO THE MULTI-AMBULATORY CARE
18 CENTER?

19

20 **FRED LEAF:** THE GENERAL LAYOUT AND PLANS AND SERVICES HAS BEEN
21 PROVIDED. AS FAR AS THE DETAILED WORK ON THE ARCHITECTURAL
22 PLANS, I'LL GET THAT TO YOU. I'M NOT SURE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IT'S BEEN NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT
2 SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON FRIDAY THE RATE
3 SO...

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5 **FRED LEAF:** IT WASN'T -- WELL, OKAY.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. DID D.H.S. SEND A LETTER TO THE FEDS
8 REGARDING THE CENTER FOR MEDICAID AND MEDICARE OF THE INTENT
9 TO TERMINATE MEDICARE PARTICIPATION FOR ACUTE IN-PATIENT
10 SERVICES?

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12 **FRED LEAF:** YES, WE DID.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN WILL THE BOARD RECEIVE THAT LETTER?

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16 **FRED LEAF:** THE LETTER SENT TO THE CENTERS, THE C.M.S.?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

19

20 **FRED LEAF:** THAT WAS -- WHEN WAS, WE MADE SO MANY NOTIFICATIONS
21 OF RECENT PAST, I'M NOT SURE WHEN THAT WAS SENT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO OUR LETTER'S IN THE MAIL? WE'LL RECEIVE A
24 COPY?

25



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1 **GARY WELLS:** WE THINK WE SENT IT BUT WE'LL GET YOU ANOTHER COPY
2 ANYWAY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ON SHIFTING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, IF IT'S
5 UNLIKELY THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO SAVE 20 MILLION
6 DOLLARS IN THE 2003/04 FOR EMERGENCY IN-PATIENT PSYCHIATRIC
7 SERVICES, WILL THE DEPARTMENT CUT MORE SERVICES IN OTHER
8 AREAS, AND IF YES, WHAT ARE THOSE AREAS?

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, WE HAVEN'T GIVING UP MAKING THE
11 EFFICIENCIES OR TALKING D.M.H. INTO GIVING US ADDITIONAL
12 REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE PATIENTS WE ARE SERVING. I MEAN OF
13 COURSE THE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE THAT WE WOULD DISCONTINUE
14 GIVING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES AND THEY WOULD PURCHASE THEM IN
15 OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR THE RATES THAT THEY'RE GETTING. WE
16 THINK THAT'S A HIGHLY COMPLEX SUBJECT AND THAT'S KIND OF A
17 LAST SCENARIO, BUT THAT'S KIND OF THE DISCUSSIONS WE'RE
18 HAVING.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT KIND OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS, WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
21 WOULD THEY?

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23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THEY'RE CURRENTLY CONTRACTING, THEY BUY
24 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF PSYCHIATRIC CARE IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE
25 PROVIDE, AND THEY PAY US FOR WHAT WE PROVIDE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THESE OTHER INSTITUTIONS, THEY WOULDN'T PAY
3 THEM EITHER?

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5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THEY WOULD PAY THEM, BUT I THINK OUR
6 RATES ARE HIGHER FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. ONE, I THINK OUR
7 RATES ARE HIGHER BECAUSE WE REFER SOME OF THE COVERED PATIENTS
8 OUT SO THAT WE CAN CONCENTRATE ON THE TOTALLY NON-COVERED
9 PATIENTS AND TOTALLY UNINSURED BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY
10 OPTION WITH THEM WHEREAS WE DO HAVE AN OPTION IF THEY HAVE
11 MEDI-CAL FOR INSTANCE, I THINK THERE ARE ALSO SOME COSTS
12 RELATED TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** ISN'T THAT GIVING UP A REVENUE SOURCE FOR US?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'M SORRY?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** ISN'T THAT GIVING UP A REVENUE SOURCE FOR US?

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL I THINK THE REASON THIS IS AN
21 ISSUE IS THAT THE REVENUE THAT COMES IN VERSUS THE COSTS TO
22 DELIVER THESE SERVICES ARE, WE HAVE A NET DEFICIT OF ABOUT 20
23 MILLION DOLLARS, IT'S THE REASON WE PUT IT ON THE TABLE TO
24 START, AND WE'RE JUST -- WE'VE LOOKED AT --

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** DELIVERED TO THE MEDI-CAL OR TO THE UNINSURED?

2

3 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** FROM BOTH, BOTH.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** WHERE IS THAT 20 MILLION DOLLAR NET COUNTY COST, I
6 MEAN WITH BOTH?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE TOTAL PROGRAM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I MEAN AS AN AVERAGE OR I MEAN IF -- THE
11 REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEDI-CAL VERSUS THE COST IS THAT A PUSH OR
12 IS THAT, WE'RE STILL LOSING MONEY?

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MOST OF OUR REIMBURSEMENT COMES FROM
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE'RE STILL LOSING MONEY.

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** THE RATE THAT MEDI-CAL PAYS US DOESN'T COVER OUR
18 COST.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY QUESTION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
21 HEALTH, ARE THEY FISCALLY VIABLE AND STAFFED APPROPRIATELY TO
22 SHIFT THE OPERATIONS TO KING DREW'S OUT-PATIENT PSYCHIATRIC
23 SERVICES?

24

25 **FRED LEAF:** YES, THEY ARE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU ELABORATE ON HOW THE DEPARTMENT AND
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PLAN TO HAVE A COST SAVINGS
4 AND GENERATE REVENUES IF THE SHIFT OF OPERATING OUT-PATIENT
5 PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES OCCURS?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WE BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THE
8 SAVINGS ARE RELATED TO THE FACT THAT WE -- THAT THERE WERE TWO
9 SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS PERFORMING -- OR COORDINATING THE CARE
10 AND DOING ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS, AND WE THINK BY BRINGING THEM
11 TOGETHER, THERE ARE SAVINGS BOTH IN REDUCING THE DUPLICATION
12 OF ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS AND IN THE ACTUAL CARE OF PATIENTS,
13 MAKING IT MORE SEAMLESS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE STATUS OF YOUR PROPOSAL TO
16 HAVE AN I.D. CARD FOR THOSE WHO UTILIZE THEIR HEALTH
17 FACILITIES?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE CONTINUE TO ENROLL AND SIGN UP
20 PATIENTS AS THEY COME IN, AND ARE PUSHING FORWARD IN MAKING
21 THAT ENROLLMENT IN ANY ONE INSTITUTION BE THE SAME ACROSS ALL
22 INSTITUTIONS. WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN -- WE'LL GET TO A SINGLE
23 I.D. CARD AND WHAT THAT WOULD IMPLY I THINK IS A LITTLE BIT
24 MORE PROBLEMATIC. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO BRING FORWARD TO YOU



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1 THE REPORT WE OWE YOU ON THE BENEFIT PACKAGE AND LAYING OUT
2 WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CARE AND HOW WE'LL DETERMINE THAT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, AND THAT'S ABOUT TWO WEEKS ON THAT?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SHOULD BE. WE'RE CLOSING IN.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT ON THE I.D. CARD, IS IT MORE DIFFICULT
9 THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO
10 IMPLEMENT THEIRS OR?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, EVERYONE IN THE V.A. SYSTEM HAD A
13 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND USUALLY A CLAIM NUMBER FROM BEING
14 IN THE MILITARY AND A MILITARY NUMBER AS WELL. ABOUT HALF THE
15 PATIENTS THAT WE SEE DON'T HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. MANY
16 OF THEM DON'T HAVE AN I.D., A DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR OTHER
17 I.D.S.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HALF OF OUR PATIENTS?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, THAT'S AT LEAST THE ONES THAT ARE
22 ENROLLING AT COUNTY WHEN I WENT THROUGH. I PUT MYSELF THROUGH
23 THE REGISTRATION PROCESS OVER THERE AND WALKED THROUGH WHERE
24 ALL THE PAPERS WENT AND SO FORTH BECAUSE I WANTED TO
25 UNDERSTAND IT BETTER. AND A COMMENT WAS MADE TO ME THAT PEOPLE



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1 THAT WERE DOING THE ACTUAL WORK THERE ON THE FRONT LINE IT WAS
2 ALMOST HALF OF THEM, THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO COME UP WITH A
3 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO USE. REGARDLESS, IT'S A BIG NUMBER
4 THAT DON'T HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. SO WE STILL HAVE I
5 THINK SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES IN IDENTIFYING THE PERSON ACROSS
6 FROM US, MAKE SURE WE HAVE THEIR NAME, MAKE SURE THEY'RE THE
7 SAME UNIQUE PERSON THAT WE SAW PREVIOUSLY. SOME OF THAT IS
8 THAT IT'S JUST CONFUSING, SOME OF IT IS THAT -- A FEW PROBABLY
9 DON'T WANT TO TELL US, AND A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PATIENTS
10 WHO COME IN ARE -- HAVE EITHER EXTREME ILLNESS OR HAVE MENTAL
11 ILLNESS OR MENTAL PROBLEMS AND/OR DRUG OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE
12 PROBLEMS WHEN THEY FIRST GET THERE. WE WORK WITH THEM TO TRY
13 TO FIND THAT OUT DURING THEIR HOSPITALIZATION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I JUST GET CLARIFIED ON THIS? ARE THESE
16 THE PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS OR IS THIS ALL OF THE PATIENTS?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ACROSS ALL OF THEM I'M TALKING ABOUT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO UNLESS WE INSTITUTED SOMETHING LIKE AN
21 IRIS TEST OR A FINGERPRINT TEST, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO BE ABLE
22 TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE IDENTIFY OUR PATIENTS. IS THAT IT?

23



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IF YOU WANT TO BE A HUNDRED PERCENT
2 ACCURATE, THE USE OF SOME KIND OF BIOMETRIC LIKE THAT WOULD BE
3 HELPFUL, IF YOU WANT TO BE A HUNDRED PERCENT ACCURATE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF THE HALF THAT DO HAVE THE ABILITY WITH
6 HAVING A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER HOW FAST COULD THOSE PEOPLE BE
7 ON-LINE?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH. I THINK WE HAVE BETTER DATA THAN
10 WE ALL THOUGHT FOR SOME PATIENTS, I THINK THERE ARE THAT WE'VE
11 -- WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO -- WITH OUR NEW INFORMATION GROUP, PUT
12 TOGETHER AN ANALYSIS OF THE DATA WE HAVE FROM THE DIFFERENT
13 INSTITUTIONS, WE THINK WITHIN PROBABLY 97, 98% ACCURACY WE CAN
14 ASSIGN RECORDS TO A GIVEN INDIVIDUAL. SO WE'RE MAKING
15 PROGRESS.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS YOUR TIME FRAME ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS?

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19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL IN TERM -- I THINK --

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU CAN DO IT MORE THAN -- QUICKER THAN TWO
22 YEARS.

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, WHAT WE'RE MOVING TOWARD IS
25 PRINTING OUT -- IF YOU CAME INTO OUR FACILITY AND TODAY, YOU'D



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1 COME IN, WE'D HAVE A HAND-STAMPED OR HANDWRITTEN PIECE OF
2 PAPER, WE'RE MOVING TO WHEN YOU WALK IN, THAT WE CALL UP YOUR
3 RECORD AND WE PRINT OUT WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT YOU: YOUR NAME,
4 YOUR ADDRESS, IF YOU HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER UNIQUE
5 IDENTIFYING NUMBER AND THE HOSPITALIZATIONS OR OTHER
6 DIAGNOSTIC CODES WE'VE HAD ON YOU IN OUR SYSTEM FOR BILLING
7 PURPOSES OR OTHERS. WE HOPE BY USING THIS ON A DAILY BASIS WE
8 CAN MAKE IT ACCURATE. AND I THINK IT'S THE ONLY WAY IT'LL EVER
9 GET ACCURATE, AND SO THEN WE'LL CONSTANTLY BE REFINING THAT
10 AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY EACH PERSON AS THEY COME IN IN
11 TERMS OF THOSE UNIQUENESS AND RELATIONSHIP TO THOSE ELECTRONIC
12 RECORDS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE 500,000, THE
15 QUARTER OF A MILLION HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY AND A QUARTER
16 MILLION DON'T? OR ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT A LARGER NUMBER?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'LL TRY TO GET THAT NUMBER MORE
19 ACCURATELY. THE NUMBER I WAS QUOTING WAS REALLY WHAT PEOPLE
20 TOLD ME WHEN I WALKED THROUGH THE PROCESS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SURE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER? SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST, GARY, I HAD ASKED ABOUT THE DEDUCTIONS
5 AND IN THE FEBRUARY 10TH MEMO WHICH YOU HAD -- I'LL JUST GET
6 TO MY -- YOU HAD FISCAL YEAR '03/'04 REDUCTIONS OF A HUNDRED
7 AND -- CUTS, I MEAN WHEN I USE THE WORD REDUCTION, I ASSUME IT
8 WAS CUTS OF 120.9 MILLION AND A USE OF DESIGNATION FUNDS OF
9 146.9. AND IN '04/'05, YOU HAD REDUCTIONS OF 248 MILLION WITH
10 A USE OF DESIGNATIONS WAS IT 79.6 AND '05/'06, YOU HAD 296.2
11 AND REDUCTIONS IN 61 MILLION IN DESIGNATION FUNDS, AND IN THIS
12 MEMO, YOU APPEAR TO HAVE COMBINED THOSE TWO FIGURES IN EACH OF
13 THOSE FISCAL YEARS. SO IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO ME TO BE ACCURATE
14 THAT ALL OF IT IS BEING DONE THROUGH CUTS, WHICH WAS MY
15 QUESTION BEFORE. COULD YOU EXPLAIN --

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** THE REASON WHY WE COMBINED IT THIS TIME IS BECAUSE
18 I DON'T REALLY FEEL WHAT WE DID LAST TIME WAS ACCURATE. THE
19 BIGGEST PROOF OF THE THREE -- YOU KNOW, I GUESS THE KEY FIGURE
20 THAT I SORT OF FOCUS ON IS THE 357.5, WHICH ON THE NEW
21 SCHEDULE IS THE SECOND NUMBER IN 2005/2006. THAT NUMBER, I
22 MEAN, IF YOU LOOK THROUGH THE SCHEDULE THAT WE PROVIDED IN
23 JUNE, THAT REALLY IS THE SAVINGS NUMBER THAT GETS YOU TO 709.4
24 MINUS THE FISCAL STABILIZATION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S NOT MY QUESTION, MY QUESTION IS
2 HOW DID YOU ARRIVE AT THAT NUMBER? IS IT ALL CUTS?

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4 **GARY WELLS:** IT IS ALL CUTS, LIKE I SAY I --

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN WHAT HAPPENED TO THE USE OF DESIGNATION
7 FUNDS THAT ADD UP TO SO CLOSE TO 300 MILLION DOLLARS THAT YOU
8 HAD IN YOUR FEBRUARY 10TH MEMO? YOU HAD 147 PLUS 79 AND A
9 HALF, PLUS 61.3.

10

11 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT, AND I - AND LIKE I SAY, I DON'T --

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE NO LONGER USING THOSE DESIGNATION
14 FUNDS?

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16 **GARY WELLS:** WE'RE NO LONGER USING THOSE NUMBERS, AND I THINK,
17 YOU KNOW, IF YOU COULD GET BY WHAT WE DID IN FEBRUARY, AND I
18 APOLOGIZE FOR THE CONFUSION IT MAY HAVE GENERATED, AND LINK
19 THE CURRENT SCHEDULE BACK TO WHAT WE SAID IN JUNE, YOU'LL FIND
20 THAT THE 2005/2006 SAVINGS WITH THE EXCEPTION -- WE HAVE
21 SOMETHING HERE CALLED COST REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS, WHICH IS THE
22 VERY LAST ONE, WHICH IS A FACTOR THAT ADJUSTS FOR THE FACT
23 THAT WE HAVE SOME OVERLAP WITH RESPECT TO SOME OF THE
24 DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE IN S.B.1255 REVENUES. EACH ONE OF THOSE



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1 SAVINGS FIGURES ARE STILL WHAT WE'RE TARGETING TO ACHIEVE, AND
2 IF YOU ADD ALL THOSE TOGETHER, THEY SHOULD ADD UP TO 357.5.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT WAS THE USE OF DESIGNATION FUNDS IN
5 THE FEBRUARY MEMO?

6

7 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, THE USE OF -- THERE WAS -- THERE WAS SOME
8 CONFUSION WITH RESPECT TO THE JUNE SCHEDULE IN THAT WE WERE
9 TRYING TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, NOT ONLY WITH FISCAL
10 STABILIZATION REVENUE, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE VERY -- IF YOU
11 HAVE -- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE THAT IN FRONT OF YOU,
12 SUPERVISOR, BUT THERE'S A CHANGE OF THE DESIGNATION FUNDS AT
13 THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE SCHEDULE IN JUNE, WHICH, QUITE FRANKLY,
14 I THINK GENERATES TREMENDOUS CONFUSION, AND WE'VE TRIED TO
15 BECOME I GUESS CLEAR AND MORE ACCURATE AS WE'VE COME FORWARD
16 AND, AGAIN, I MEAN, THE ONE THING THAT IS TRUE ABOUT THE JUNE
17 SCHEDULE IS THE SAVING ESTIMATES THAT ARE AGAINST EACH LINE OF
18 -- THAT DESCRIBES EACH CUT THAT'S TO BE MADE. AND AGAIN, I
19 MEAN, IT'S FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, WHEN YOU
20 LOOK FOR 357.5 MILLION DOLLARS OF REDUCTIONS, THAT'S WHAT
21 WE'RE STILL IN PURSUIT OF.

22

23 **FRED LEAF:** GARY, PARDON ME, SUPERVISOR. WHEN THIS CAME UP, I
24 KNOW LAST TIME, YOUR STAFF, I THINK ALAN GAVE ME A VERY GOOD -
25 - OR YOU DID, ACTUALLY, EXPLANATION OF THAT NUMBER BECAUSE WE



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1 WERE AS CONFUSED AS YOU ARE SUPERVISOR ON WHAT THAT EXACTLY
2 MEANT, AND IT WAS VERY UNDERSTANDABLE. I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE
3 IT HERE WITH ME TODAY, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE THE BOARD AN
4 EXPLANATION OF THAT DIFFERENCE, BECAUSE IT IS VERY CONFUSING.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT SO MUCH CONFUSION AS IT IS A
7 CONTRADICTION.

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9 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT. EXACTLY.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I'M HAVING A HARD TIME --

12

13 **GARY WELLS:** WELL THE CONTRADICTION'S CREATED BY THE USE OF THE
14 TERMS AND AGAIN, THE SOURCE DOCUMENT IS IN JUNE AND THE NUMBER
15 IN JUNE IS 709.4 MINUS 351.9 IN 2005/2006, WHICH IS 357.5
16 MILLION, WHICH IS THE SCENARIO THREE REDUCTION NUMBER ON THE
17 CURRENT SCHEDULE.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU GET US A MEMO EXPLAINING THE
20 DISCREPANCY.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WOULD ADD TO THAT. I MEAN I THINK THAT'S
23 THE ISSUE THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY
24 TRYING TO -- I MEAN INTERESTING WE'RE FORECASTING OUT TO '08
25 ON EXPENSES, BUT WE CAN'T GET OUR HANDS AROUND THE REVENUES.



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2 **GARY WELLS:** WE ARE FORECASTING REVENUES AS WELL SUPERVISOR.
3 AND WE STRUGGLE ON THIS AS WELL, BUT WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO TRY
4 TO MAKE IT CLEAR.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL BUT I'M SAYING THE FORECASTING, WHAT MAKES IT
7 DIFFICULT FOR US ON THESE, YOU KNOW, ISSUES BETWEEN NUMBERS,
8 THAT YOU COULD BE OFF AS MUCH AS 25 MILLION DOLLARS IN A
9 FORECAST ONE WAY OR THE OTHER GOING UP IN THOSE YEARS. I MEAN
10 --

11

12 **GARY WELLS:** WE HAVE TO TAKE OUR BEST SHOT THOUGH, I MEAN WHAT
13 WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS PROVIDE --

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH INFORMATION FOR DECISION MAKING, AND THE
18 FARTHER YOU GO OUT, YOU'RE RIGHT, THE MORE PROBLEMATIC THE
19 NUMBERS BECOME.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE GET THE LIST OF THE MARCH '04 CUTS,
22 THE 267 MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS, CAN YOU JUST -- IN THE MEMO
23 YOU'RE GOING TO GET EXPLAINING THIS DISCREPANCY CAN YOU ALSO
24 JUST GIVE US A LIST OF THE MARCH '04 CUTS THAT ADD UP TO 267
25 MILLION?



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2 **GARY WELLS:** SURE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER? IF NOT,
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **GARY WELLS:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE
10 US?

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12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND CAN WE DO THAT ON THE 29TH OF APRIL
13 PLEASE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WE SAID
16 THREE WEEKS, BUT MR. JANSSEN WON'T BE HERE ON THAT DATE. CAN
17 WE CHANGE IT TO THE 29TH OF APRIL? ANY PROBLEM? OKAY. THANK
18 YOU. WE'LL CHANGE THAT DATE, VIOLET, TO THE 29TH, OKAY. IS
19 PUBLIC COMMENT? NO PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE A -- OR WE HAVE
20 CLOSED SESSION. RIGHT? DO WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
25 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
2 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
3 LITIGATION; ITEM CS-2, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD
4 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
5 COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION IN ONE
6 CASE, AND ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, CHIEF
7 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DAVID E. JANSSEN AND DESIGNATED STAFF.
8 AND ALSO, AGENDA 73-D RELATING TO CS-2 AS INDICATED ON THE
9 POSTED AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2003]

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4 For your information, there is no reportable action as a
5 result of today's closed session.

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